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## GERMANS GIVE WAY TO THE RED ARMY

Kaunas, To-day.

**GERMAN TROOPS IN POLAND** are withdrawing from some points to make way for the Russians. It is reported that Brest-Litowsk is also to be evacuated by the Nazis, and discussions are taking place as to who should occupy Lwow. The Russian troops do not appear to have met much resistance, and one report speaks of Russian and Polish troops fraternising. — Reuter.

London, To-day.

A message from the British people to the Polish people was broadcast from London yesterday.

The message referred to the Polish people as the standard bearers of liberty in Europe.

It said Britain would continue the struggle until liberty had been restored.

A message from Poland in reply said: "We are not fighting alone. We are proud to fight in such company." — Reuter.

### SOVIET TREACHERY

Paris, To-day.

The Polish Ambassador, in a radio broadcast last night, said the Government had had to flee because of the treachery of Soviet Russia.

However, they would fight on with Britain and France. — Reuter.

### LITHUANIA'S CLAIM

Kaunas, To-day.

Although the Russians have entered Vilna, Lithuania is again putting forward her claim to the town.

Ever since Vilna was occupied by the Poles 20 years ago, Lithuania has been claiming the town as its capital. — Reuter.

## CHUNGSHAN STRAFING

Shekki, To-day.

Intense excitement prevails in villages near Macao owing to the presence of Japanese planes which are methodically machine-gunning the roadway.

The Japanese are continue to machine-gun and to bomb daily in the vicinity of Shekki and Wangmoon and the land forces continue to attack farmer-soldiers. — Reuter.

## GERMANS SEIZE TWO FINNISH SHIPS

London, To-day.

It is reported that two Finnish ships have been seized by the Germans and taken to Hamburg.

They were homeward bound with a cargo of wood pulp. — Reuter.

## ITALIAN LINE ACTION

New York, To-day.

Thirteen passengers of German and Czech nationality were taken off the Italian liner "Rex" before she sailed for Europe.

The Italian Shipping Line has passed an order forbidding passages to passengers with German or Czech passports.

This is believed to be due to a desire to prevent search by British warships at sea. — Reuter.

**WEATHER FORECAST:**—North-East and East winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

## GESTAPO ACTIVITIES

London, To-day.

Reports from Berlin state that an increasingly close watch is being kept by the Gestapo on owners of radio sets suspected of listening in to foreign stations.

Suspect listeners are liable to find that when they leave their homes, their sets are smashed in their absence. — Reuter.

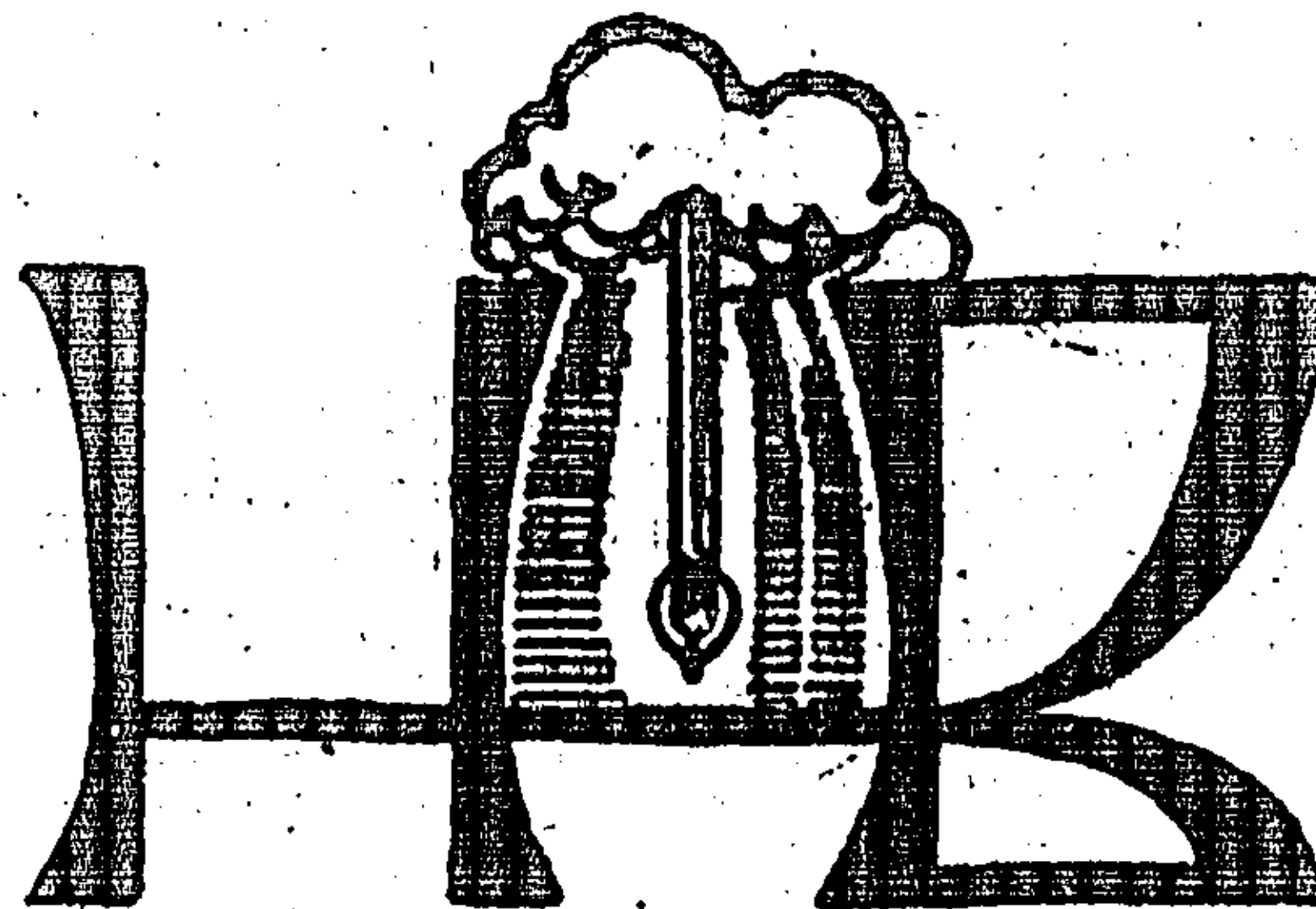
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Paris, To-day.

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The communique says that the German artillery is very active. — Reuter.

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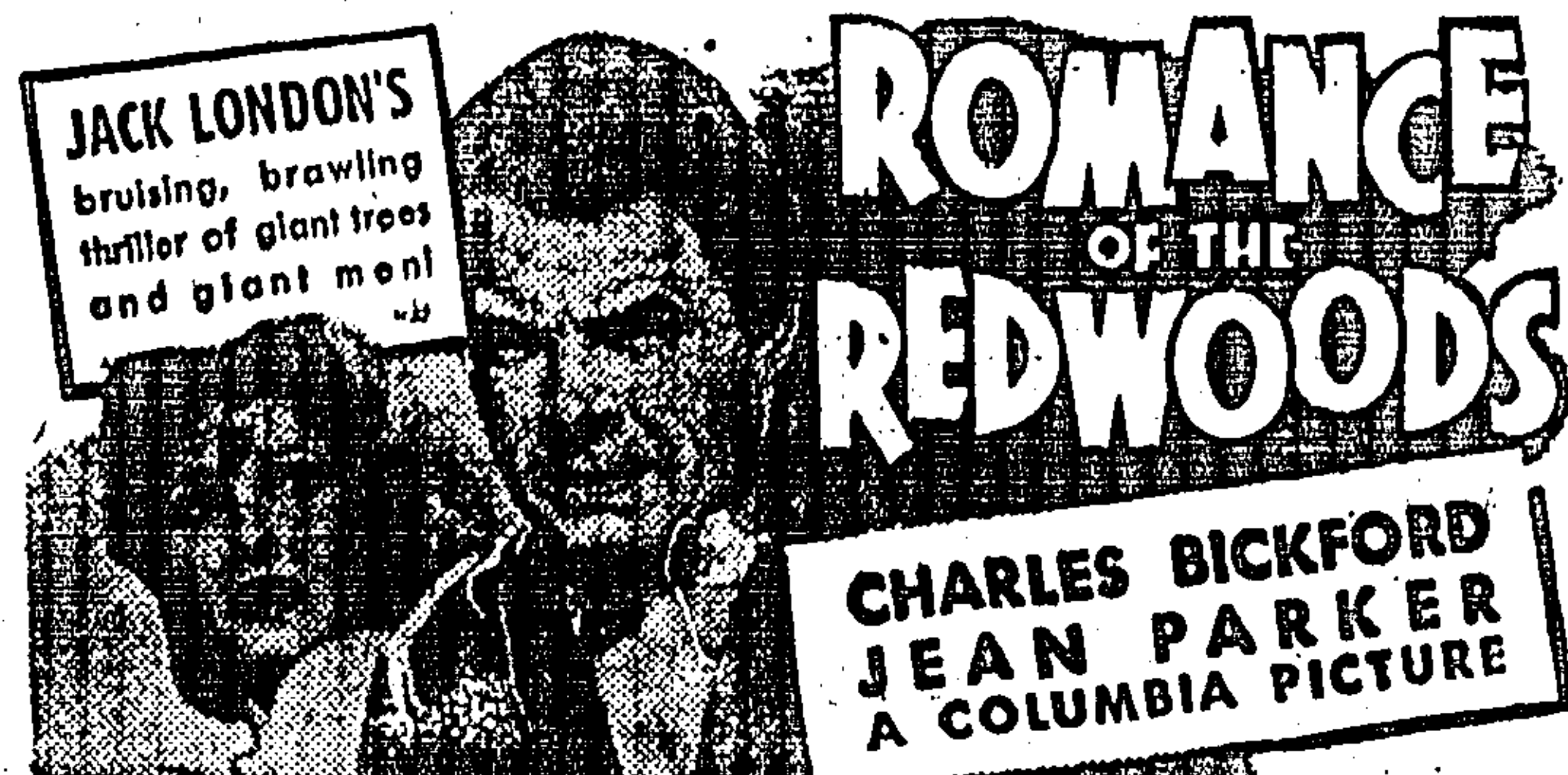
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# SOVIET TANKS ENTER VILNA

Kaunas (Lithuania), To-day.  
SOVIET TANKS ENTERED Vilna on Monday night, and Red infantry followed yesterday morning. Fighting was reported outside the town the previous night.

One report says that the local administration in Vilna continues to function, and that Polish soldiers are walking about the streets unarmed.

Telephone communication between Vilna and Kaunas has been cut. Soviet motorised columns are quickly occupying parts of Poland not yet reached by the Germans.

Red Army tanks and armoured cars have appeared in an area near the Polish-Rumanian frontier which previously had been bombed by Nazi planes.—Reuter.  
SOVIET ADVANCE PERTURBS LITHUANIA

Kaunas (Lithuania), To-day. The Soviet advance into Poland is raising serious problems.

Further classes of reservists have been called up in Lithuania, and the eastern frontier with Poland has been closed despite the Soviet promise to limit occupation to White Russia and the Ukraine. The Lithuanian Ministers in Moscow and Berlin were received yesterday by M. Molotov (Soviet Foreign Commissar) and Joachim von Ribbentrop (Nazi Foreign Minister), respectively.—Reuter.

INTERNMENT IN RUMANIA  
Bucharest, To-day.

Over 10,000 Polish troops who entered Rumania have been disarmed and interned.

Two hundred Polish planes, some of them badly damaged, are now in Rumania.

At least 4,500 civilian refugees, including 400 children, have crossed the frontier.

Polish troops and civilians have also entered Hungary in what was formerly Ruthenia. The troops have been disbanded and camps for all refugees set up.—Reuter.

FIGHTING REPORTED

London, To-day. Reports from Latvia state that there has been fighting between Polish and Russian troops in the Vilna region.—Reuter.

POLISH CAVALRY INTERNED  
Kaunas, To-day.

Ten thousand Polish cavalry and motorised detachments have entered Lithuania, and have been interned.—Reuter.

# QUEEN ORGANISES WORKING PARTY

London, To-day. The Queen has organised a working party to make bandages, dressings and so on for use in hospitals. Her Majesty will play an active part, and will be assisted by members of her domestic staff.—Reuter.

# AMERICAN SURVIVORS

London, To-day.

American survivors of the Athenia torpedoed, numbering 150, left the Clyde yesterday on board the Ward Line steamer Orizaba (6,937 tons).

The vessel, which has been specially chartered by the United States Government, has huge American flags painted on both sides which will be floodlit at night.—Reuter.

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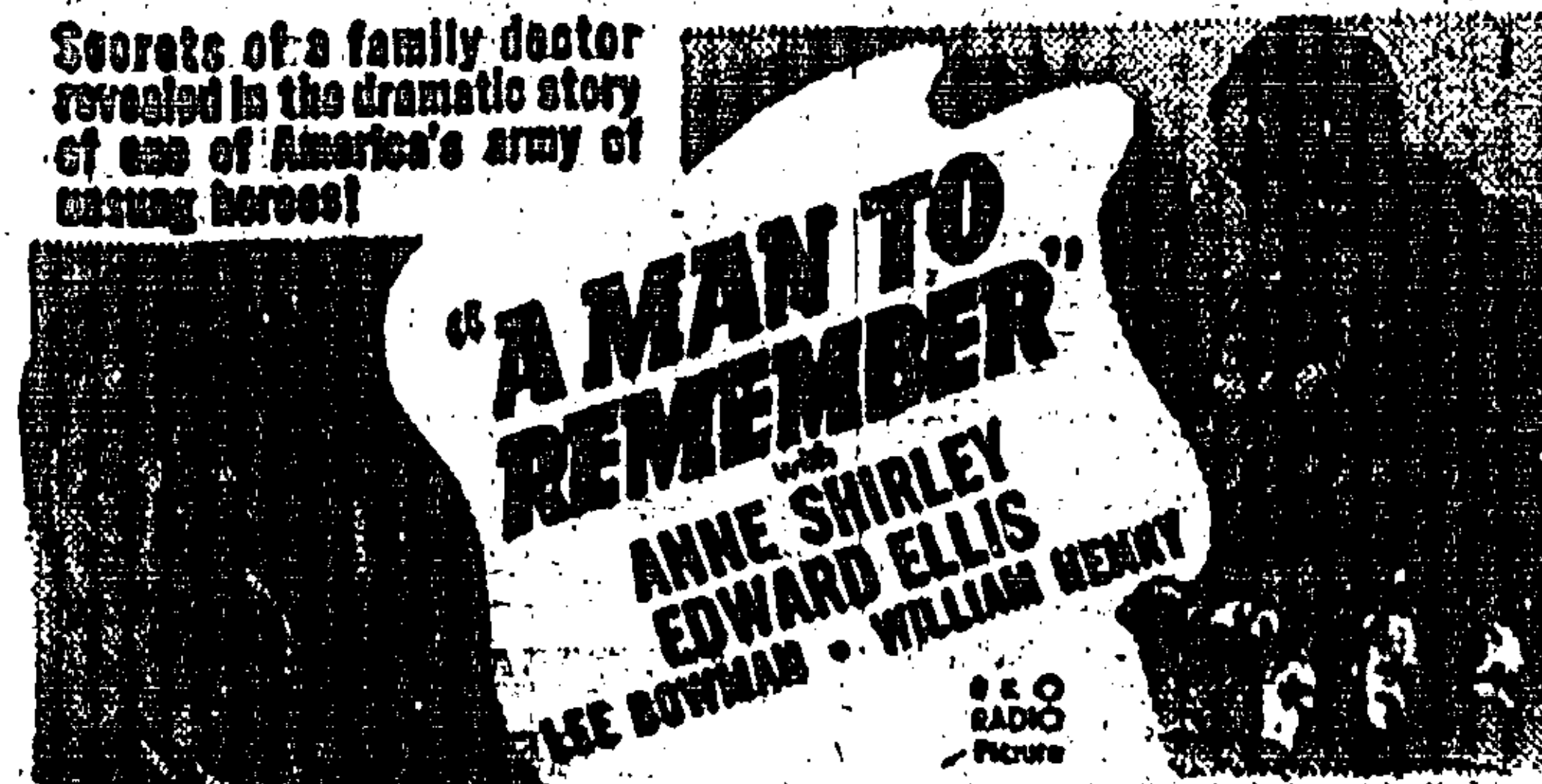
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## SUBMARINE ATTACKS ON BRITISH SHIPPING

London, To-day.

**TWO BRITISH TRAWLERS**, the Lord Minto (295 tons) and the Arlita (326 tons) have been sunk by German submarines. The crews were rescued by another trawler.

Three British merchant ships were attacked by German submarines but eluded their attackers.

## ITALY'S ENVOY FOR LONDON

ROME, TO-DAY.

THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY APPOINTED SIGNOR GIUSEPPE BASTIANINI, UNDER-SECRETARY IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, AS ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN. HE SUCCEEDS COUNT DINO GRANDI.

Signor Bastianini is one of Italy's most promising diplomats.

He was Vice-Secretary of the Fascist Party from 1921-24; Under-Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture in 1927; Minister in Tangier, Lisbon and Greece, and, from 1932 to 1936, was Ambassador to Poland.—Reuter.

The Ellerman City liner "City of Paris" (10,000 tons) was damaged by a Nazi submarine on Saturday and has been taken in tow for salvage.

Of the crew of 138, all but one escaped in lifeboats and were picked up.

### BRANDON SUNK

The British steamer "Brandon" (1,500 tons) was sunk by a submarine and the survivors landed in a home port yesterday. The master and two of the crew were killed in the explosion.

The British tug Neptunia has been sunk, and the Nazi version of the sinking says that the seven crew were picked up by a British merchantman.—Reuter.

## CANADA TO SEE IT THROUGH

London, To-day.

Canada's determination to "see it through" is reflected in the number of registrations of Canadians in Britain anxious to do their bit.

At the offices of the High Commissioner, there are already a thousand names of men and women, lads and girls, willing and eager to undertake any kind of service at short notice.—British Wireless.

## CAR PLUNGES INTO NULLAH

A CAR PLUNGED DOWN A NULLAH NEAR THE 17-MILE STONE ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD YESTERDAY BUT, FORTUNATELY, NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Ma Shek-hung, driver of Car No. 1099, stated that he was driving along the road towards Kowloon.

Near the 17-mile-stone he overtook a European riding on a horse. The animal shied and to avoid hitting it Ma swerved the car which left the road and fell into the nullah.

### CIVIL SERVANTS TO BE INTERNED

Bucharest, To-day.

Polish civil servants are to be interned in Rumania.

Further Rumanian troops have been sent to the Polish frontier.—Reuter.

### WATCHES STOLEN

It has been revealed that 30 watches were stolen yesterday morning from No. 218A, Nathan Road. The victim was Mr. Gutierrez who resided on the floor above the shop. Value of the watches is said to be \$158.

### CHINESE RAID ON KONGMOON

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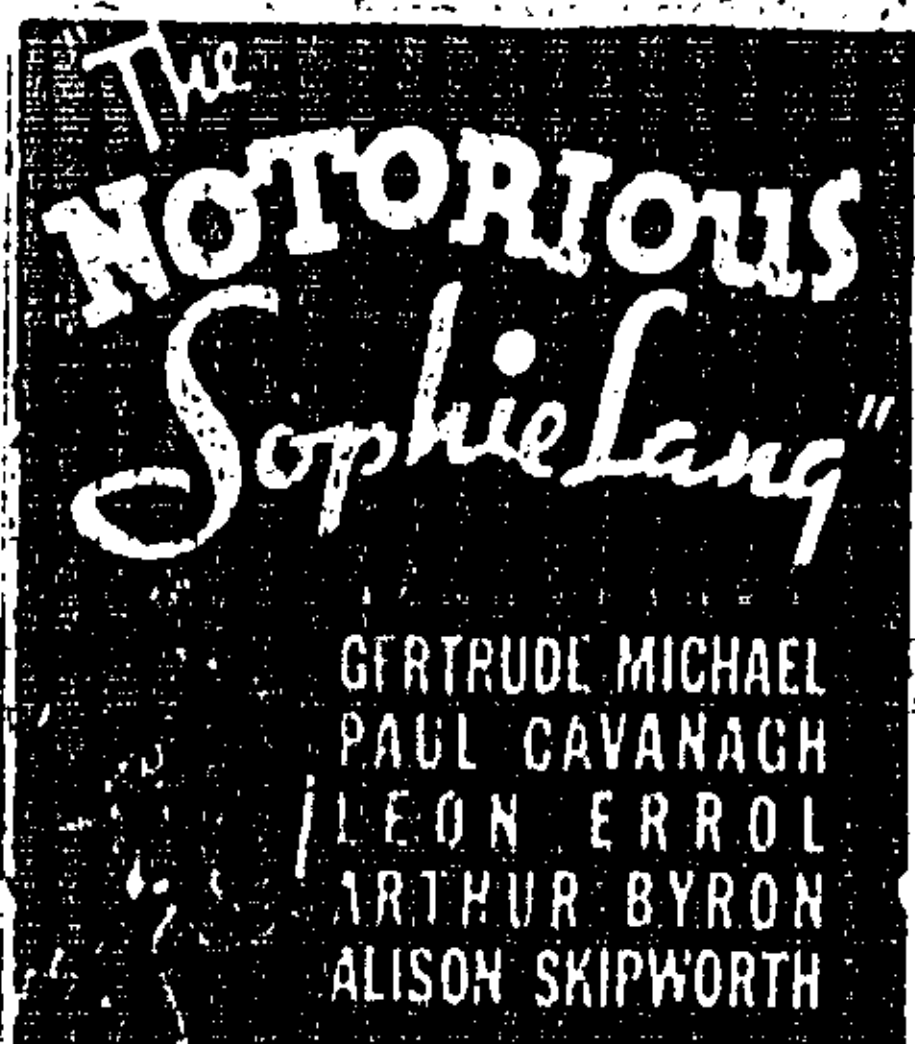
The Japanese barracks and ammunition depot at Kongmoon were destroyed by bombs dropped by Chinese planes on Monday.—Central News.

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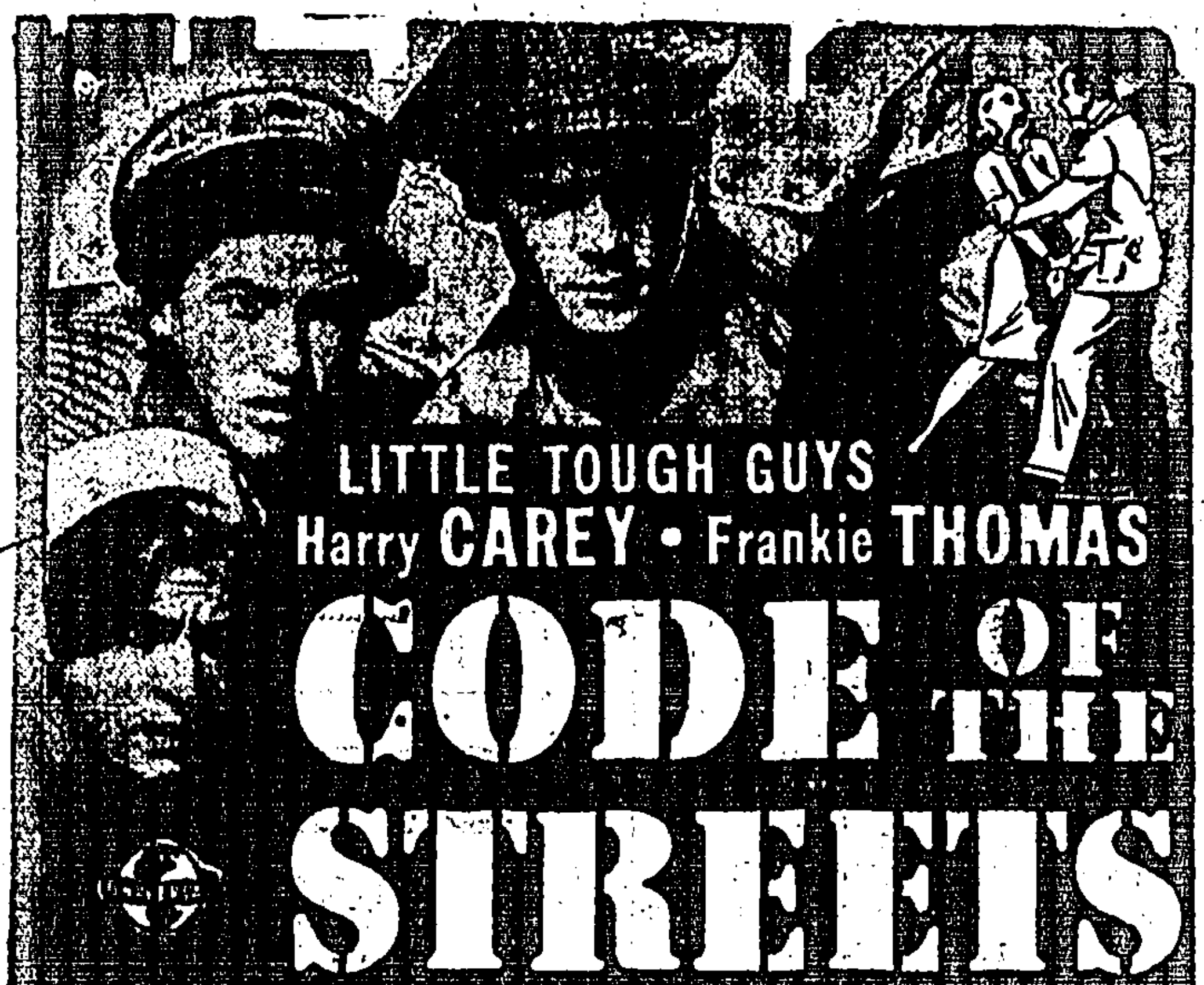
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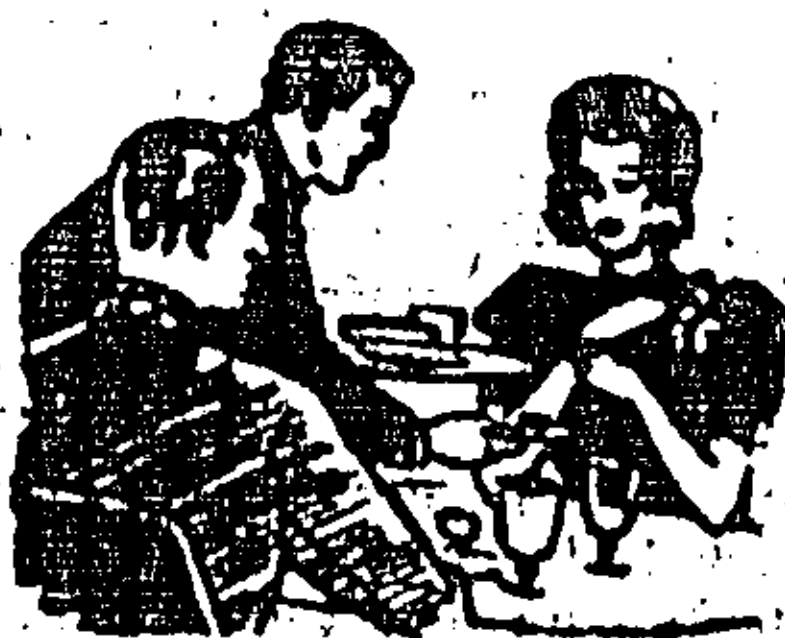
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# STRICT REGULATIONS FOR NEXT FRIDAY'S BLACK-OUT

**DURING THE COMPULSORY black-out exercise on Friday evening, the Lighting Control Regulations as published in the Government Gazette of 14th July, 1939, will come into force.**

The attention of the general public is invited to the provisions of the Lighting Control Ordinance, which provides a penalty for contravention or non-compliance with any regulations under that Ordinance.

Generally speaking, the main points in these Regulations require that on the night of the black-out, those lights which cannot be extinguished or obscured within three minutes of the sounding of the air raid warning signal must not be lit after sunset, and any remaining lights must be capable of being extinguished or obscured within three minutes of the sounding of the air raid warning signal.

## OBSCURATION OF LIGHTS

The obscuration of all lights must be effected by using either black or dark blue material, black or dark blue tissue paper, or black or dark blue paint—in all cases, two thicknesses must be used. The use of any other colour will be a contravention of the Lighting Control Regulations.

## TRANSPORT

Road vehicles of every description, including rickshaws, bicycles, etc., will only be permitted to proceed on the roads on the following conditions:—

- From sunset to the sounding of the air raid warning signal all lights on vehicles must be masked in accordance with the Lighting Control Regulations, and on the sounding of the air raid warning signal, all vehicles, where applicable, must pull into the side of the road and extinguish all lights, and in the case of trams, exhibit a red light on the forward and after end of the tram car.
- After 9.35 p.m. the movement of all road transport vehicles may be resumed, but all lights must remain obscured in accordance with the Lighting Control Regulations, and must not return to normal lighting conditions until the "raiders passed" signal has been sounded.

The movements of vehicles belonging to the Naval, Military, Air Force, Essential, A.R.P., Police and Ambulance Services will not be restricted during any period of the black-out period, though all lights must be masked in accordance with the Lighting Control Regulations.

For a short period after 11 p.m., certain military units will be moving, which will necessitate a slight relaxation in the lighting restrictions in so far as military vehicles are concerned. This relaxation, however, will on no account apply to any lights on any other public or private vehicles.

## HARBOUR AND SHIPPING

From sunset up to the sounding of the air raid warning signal, lights may be kept lighted provided that effective provisions have previously been made for the extinguishment or screening of all lights, so that all such lights can be extinguished or screened within a period of three minutes.

On the sounding of the air raid warning signal, all lights, including Navigation Lights, must be extinguished or obscured.

At 9.35 p.m. Navigation Lights should be relit, but all other lights must remain extinguished or obscured until the "raiders passed" signal has been sounded.

## CROSS HARBOUR SERVICES

Cross Harbour ferry services will cease running between 9.15 p.m. and 9.35 p.m. but normal transport services after 9.35 p.m. may be resumed, provided that all lights except Navigation Lights are reduced in intensity, either by extinction or obscuration, to the minimum compatible with safety. Normal lighting may be resumed on the sounding of the "raiders passed" signal.

In order that these lighting restrictions can be carried out, the port will be closed between the hours of 8 a.m.

and 6.25 p.m. and the above lighting restrictions imposed on shipping are subject to any instructions which may be issued by the Naval or Harbour Authorities.

## AIR RAID SIGNALS

The commencement of the exercise will be indicated by the sounding of the air raid warning signal, namely—a fluctuating blast from electric sirens extending over a period of three minutes, followed by the extinction of all street lighting.

The "raiders passed" signal (indicating that the exercise is terminated and normal lighting may be resumed) will be indicated by a steady blast from electric sirens extending over a period of three minutes, followed by the resumption of street lighting.

## AIR RAID WARDENS

Air Raid Wardens will be on duty and may be recognised by the official A.R.P. badge which they will be wearing. They have been authorised to draw the attention of householders and drivers of all types of vehicles to any lights which do not comply with the Lighting Control Regulations during the period from the sounding of the air raid warning sirens to the "raiders passed" signal.

Should any individuals fail to comply with the requests of the Air Raid Wardens in regard to the Lighting Restrictions within five minutes of his or her attention being drawn to any failure to observe the regulations, the name and address of the offender will be taken and a report of the circumstances rendered to the Director of Air Raid Precautions.

The Honourable Commissioner of Police has issued similar instructions to all Police Officers.

## PEDESTRIANS

The roadways must be kept clear of all pedestrian traffic so as to enable Essential Services etc. to proceed through the darkened streets with the least possible element of danger both to themselves and to the community.

Certain A.R.P. sections of the Medical, Decontamination, Fire Brigade, Police, Air Raid Wardens and Communication Services will be exercised. In addition aircraft and searchlights will operate during certain periods of the black-out.

# AUTOMATIC BLACK-OUT IN N.T.

The New Territories and islands in territorial waters will carry out an "automatic" black-out test on Friday, for there will be no sirens or signals to notify the inhabitants of the "air raid."

Thousands of leaflets are being distributed to-day containing full particulars and instructions to the people living in the New Territories and on the islands.

All the "Kaifongs" have already received their instructions.

It is understood that restrictions on lights will be imposed from sunset until the next morning.

# WEATHER WARMS UP

Although the typhoon is a considerable distance off, more than a thousand miles, it is having marked effect on Hong Kong's weather.

Yesterday's maximum temperature was 88 degrees Fahrenheit, and it had already reached that point by 10 a.m. to-day. Humidity was as low as 63 per cent.

The Observatory report discloses that the depression in the Pacific is now situated about 900 miles east of North Luzon, moving N.W.

A moderate anticyclone covers North-East Japan and a weak anticyclone covers Central China.

# KING'S SURPRISE

London, To-day.

The King paid a surprise visit to troops training in the West of England yesterday.

The visit was quite informal, and His Majesty chatted with hundreds of officers and men during the day. — Reuter.

# STERLING RALLIES REMARKABLY IN NEW YORK

New York, To-day.

ON THE FOREIGN exchange market sterling abruptly rallied almost 20 cents above the previous day's lows.

Some said that the recovery was due to a threat of active Treasury steps to combat the two-price statement as indicated in Mr. Morgenthau's statement the night before.

Many, however, did not believe that the rally had any direct relation to Mr. Morgenthau's statement or to any official intervention.

Although the former was apparently an influence on the market, it is pointed out that the recovery is largely attributable to the drying-up of some distress offerings, chiefly from neutral European currencies which have been a major factor in bringing

about the recent slump.

## BANKS PUZZLED

The banks are seemingly puzzled by Mr. Morgenthau's statement which is regarded as only a reflection of irritation at events which reduced the Tripartite agreement to virtually a shadow of its former substance.

Franc, guilder and European money rallied with sterling, although not large, while the lira continued to be weak. — Reuter.

# CZECHS URGED TO SABOTAGE

London, To-day.

In a broadcast to the Czech-Slovak people, Dr. Edvard Benes, second President of Czechoslovakia, urged the people of his country to heighten the struggle against the Nazis.

He said that German actions showed that the Nazis were aware that their regime was nearly at an end.

All the world, he said, looked to the Czechs to deal hard blows at Hitlerism, and he urged Czechs to carry on the revolt in every house and workshop each day. — Reuter.

# FIVE YEARS FOR HEROIN PURVEYOR

WITHOUT RETIRING A JURY COMPOSED OF MESSRS. P. J. TCHURIN, C. L. CHAN, B. P. WADHWA, R. M. ROBERTS, LEUNG YIN-HING, MA WING-FAT AND A. M. GOMES UNANIMOUSLY FOUND TAM CHUNG YAU CHUN, TAM PIN, TAM HUNG AND CHOI LAI-WAH, A WOMAN, GUILTY OF THE CHARGE OF POSSESSION OF 114,200 HEROIN PILLS, AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS THIS MORNING.

In sentencing Tam Pin to five years' hard labour, the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, said that accused had admitted he was the owner of the factory which had been racketed by a bashful financier. He had deliberately employed others in the beastly traffic, one of them a child.

To the others he said: "You four were apparently employed, but you should have realised that it was unlawful, and, for the next three years, you will take no part, but will do hard labour."

Mr. J. Whyatt, who conducted the case for the Crown, said that at about noon on August 17, Revenue officers, headed by Mr. Taylor and Mr. Grimmitt, raided the top floor of No. 17 Ming Yuen Street. They knocked and heard people stampeding about the floor. Mr. Grimmitt proceeded to break down the door and it was then opened. He saw first defendant run to the sitting room. This man was followed by Mr. Taylor who arrested him. In the rear cubicle the others were found, including a child, under the table. Mr. Grimmitt found the rear cubicle used as a heroin factory.

In the witness box, first defendant said he was employed as a servant. On the day of the raid, he was sick and had just left the kitchen to go to bed. Prior to the raid, he had been given a towel which was stained and told to wash it, by his master.

The woman defendant said she was a refugee. She rented a bed space in the flat. She had been living there for about a fortnight. On the day of the raid, she went into the cubicle for the first time for some tea. She saw some pink mass and out of curiosity took up a lump and squeezed it. That was how her hands were found stained and with particles adhering.

Tam Pin, the third accused, who pleaded guilty was called us a witness by fourth and fifth defendants and admitted that he made living by making heroin pills. He was backed up by one Yee Wah, whose address he did not know. He employed fourth defendant as a servant and had that day given him a towel to wash. There were three other persons working in the factory and a little girl whom he had brought from the country.

The last defendant said she occupied a bed space in the flat. She was not employed by him.

Asked why there were five seats in the room, witness said that one of the folks had gone out just before the raid.

The fourth accused could enter the cubicle any time he wanted and worked there principally as a cook.



## ALLIED AIR SUPERIORITY

Paris, To-day.

The coolness and skill of a French air force pilot is mentioned in an official communique.

The pilot was flying over the German lines yesterday when he was attacked by six German planes at a height of 18,000 feet.

By a display of aerobatics the French officer avoided the stream of bullets from the enemy planes, and the fight ended at 500 feet, when a group of French fighters engaged the German planes, which were forced to return at top speed to their own lines.—Reuter.

## CAUTION ON THE WESTERN FRONT: NEXT STAGE MAY CULMINATE IN BIG PUSH

Paris, To-day.

**THERE IS NO HURRY** on the part of the French Command to enter on the next stage of operations on the Western Front, which is expected to culminate in the big push.

This big push, it is stated in Paris, may even come from the enemy.

Object of the Germans would be to remove the French contact with the Siegfried Line, which is now under short-range fire from the French artillery.

A semi-official review of the operations says that the German evacuation and destruction of villages may be a plan to trap the French.

The French are hesitating to draw conclusions, however, and are now consolidating their positions.

The French positions between the Rhine and Moselle, captured from the Germans, are now, in the third week of war, well organised and defended.

The French troops have been quick to establish in the advance positions captured from the Germans, pill-boxes and concrete trenches right to the limits of the French advance.

The French air force continues to be active over the enemy lines, where occasional dog-fights have taken place.

The French Army is now in occupation of several thousand square miles of enemy territory on a 100-mile front.

A French communique says that the Germans continue to reinforce the Western Front with planes and men from Poland.

The German troops have effected a strategic withdrawal, says a Nazi communique, in order to straighten their front and increase the effectiveness of the German artillery.

**FOREST DYNAMITED**

Bridges were destroyed in the retreat, and the Germans have dynamited wide patches of forest in order to give their machine-guns a wider field of fire.

The German heavy calibre guns have changed the village of Perl into a no man's land, and the French have been forced to retire to more protected positions.

A Nazi communique says that the French are engaged in constructing defence works.—Reuter.

**NAZI ATTACKS NEAR BLIES REPULSED**

Paris, To-day.

The following communique has been issued: An enemy attack in the region east of Blies has been repulsed.

Enemy air force showed some activity in the same region.

The German attack mentioned in the communique was more or less in the nature of what in the last war would have been described as a large scale raid intended to "accustom German troops" to this type of warfare.

The attack was made under constant artillery fire, but, in the face of heavy machine gun and artillery fire, the attack withered away with

## INTENSE ARTILLERY DUELS

Paris, To-day.

Intense artillery duels have broken out south of Saarbruecken, where the French trenches are nearest the enemy, and have extended to the entire front.—Reuter.

positions unchanged.

The general situation on the Western Front has shown little change in the last 24 hours.—Reuter.

## POLISH TROOPS STILL FIGHTING ON: WARSAW HOLDS OUT

London, To-day.

**A RADIO BROADCAST** from Warsaw says that the Polish troops in invaded territory are still fighting.

Thousands of well-armed irregulars have been formed who are being helped by civilians.

**The Warsaw High Command** says that repeated Nazi attacks on the eastern suburbs of the capital were repulsed with heavy losses to the attackers.

The Polish armies west of Warsaw, it is added, have met with considerable success.

Paris despatches state that despite Nazi claims that the war in Poland is over, the Poles are holding out gallantly.

Fighting is especially severe in the north, around Warsaw and in the south-east.

The Nazis admit heavy fighting west of Warsaw, and say that the attack on Warsaw itself has been renewed and

the surrender of Lwow demanded.

A broadcast by the Mayor of Warsaw last night said that German artillery was still shelling the capital.—Reuter.

**SMIGLY-RYDZ IN POLAND DIRECTING OPERATIONS**

London, To-day.

The Polish Embassy states that Marshal Smigly-Rydz, the Polish Commander-in-Chief, is not in Rumania, as previously reported, but is directing operations in Poland.—Reuter.

## BRITONS ORDERED TO STAY IN INDIA

Simla, To-day.

The Government of India has issued an order forbidding all British male subjects between the ages of 16 and 50 to leave India.

A statement says that many suitable officers have left India for Britain to enlist in the Army.

If this is allowed to continue it will result in a direct loss to the Army in India.

Though the volunteers are inspired by a spirit of patriotism, it is contrary to the interests of the Empire.

Consequently, volunteers will be required to enlist with units of the Regular Army in India.—Reuter.

## HOLLAND'S BID FOR PEACE

The Hague, To-day.

Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands yesterday stressed the country's desire for neutrality when she opened Parliament.

Special defence measures, she said, had been taken in the Netherlands East Indies, Curacao and Guiana.

Provisions had been made for the Netherlands' strict neutrality, and economic measures were satisfactory and would ensure an adequate food supply.

Queen Wilhelmina thanked the country for its loyalty and support, and said she knew the sense of solidarity would continue to the very end, when the future could be faced with confidence.

**GRATEFUL**

The Netherlands was grateful that they were at peace, and were friendly with all countries.

Her Majesty said that King Leopold's peace appeal had been welcomed by a wide circle.

In spite of their disappointment at events, they still hoped that better international relations would come about.—Reuter.

## CIVIL AVIATION ON WAR FOOTING

London, To-day.

Civil aviation in this country has now been placed on a war footing.

A new organisation has been created, known as the National Air Communications, which is under the control of the Director-General of Civil Aviation.

The organisation has already flown many thousands of miles carrying key personnel, equipment and so forth.—Reuter.

## MEETING IN RUMANIA

Bucharest, To-day.

The Polish Foreign Minister, Col. Joseph Beck, saw the French Ambassador to Poland, M. Noel, and the British Ambassador to Poland, Sir Howard Kennard, yesterday.

Sir Howard Kennard and the other diplomatic missions formerly in Warsaw left for Bucharest in the afternoon.—Reuter.

## STERLING IN NEW YORK

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of Treasury, stated yesterday that the variation between the New York rate of Sterling and the official rate was such that the Treasury would not risk a single dollar from the Stabilisation Fund in foreign exchange transactions.

Mr. Morgenthau said he was concerned over the unsettling effect on United States exporters and importers, and they would try to fight the selling of Sterling at a level below the official rate.—Reuter.

## NEW STEP BY HITLER

London, To-day.

Havas reports from Amsterdam that the German Government has informed business-houses in Berlin that the Government is to take over their overseas branches abroad.

There is great anxiety among German businessmen, especially in The Hague, as they fear they will be forced to sell at a low price.—Reuter.

## AUSTRALIA'S WHEAT SURPLUS

London, To-day.

The British Government has bought the Australian sugar surplus for 1939. Price will be £7.10.0 c.i.f. British ports.—Reuter.



READ THIS FIRST AND THEN COMPARE WITH PAGE SEVEN

# HITLER MAKES A SPEECH AND PLAYS HIS USUAL TUNE ON THE FACTS

Danzig, To-day.

WHEN HITLER ARRIVED at the Danzig-Polish frontier he was met by Gauleiter Forster, who thanked him in the name of the population of Danzig.

Hitler replied: "I am delighted to be able to greet you in a city which now again belongs to Germany, my faithful Gauleiter."

The pair then shook hands and Forster addressed the crowd.

Hitler commenced his speech with the words, "Danzigers, not only you but our whole people are witnessing this great hour of liberation."

"This moment is an experience of joy not only for you but for the whole German people. I am myself conscious of the greatness of this hour. I am treading for the first time on soil which has been settled by German people for half a millennium."

Continuing Hitler said: "The World War, that most senseless of all wars of all times made a sacrifice of this city and of this land."

The World War which nobody won and everybody lost has left in everybody a conviction that such a fate must never be repeated.

## QUESTION OF TIME

Germany had entered the World War with no war aims. She hoped that the ensuing peace would render possible the restoration of Germany and abolish all distress.

The Peace of Versailles, instead of being one of free negotiation was imposed upon the German people.

The war mongers of that time did not solve a single problem but instead had created numberless new problems.

It was only a question of time before the downtrodden German nation would itself rise once more to solve these newly-created problems.

The fact that the German people were united in one territory containing 82,000,000 was overlooked at Versailles. These 82,000,000 want to live and will live even if it does not suit warmongers."

Hitler declared that 50 more years would have been sufficient to have taken Poland back to barbarism. "Poland never was a democracy," he exclaimed, "and the Polish people themselves were oppressed by a ruthless upper class."

## HE TRIED AND TRIED

Hitler continued: "I tried to find a solution for Poland. I submitted proposals orally to those in power in Poland. They knew those proposals. They were more than moderate. I tried to reconcile the economic demands of Poland with the German character of Danzig."

At that time I was too modest. What I did I did to save the German people and the Polish people from other suffering."

These demands were repeated by me in the Spring—Danzig must return to the Reich. A road must be built through the Corridor, naturally at our expense. Countless Germans gave a sigh of relief when Poland rejected my proposals because they believed that I had gone too far to meet the Poles!

Poland's answer was first, mobilisation, then wild terror.

My request to Col. Beck to visit me in Berlin was rejected. The Poles were persuaded to resist Germany.

A guarantee was given to Poland, and the Poles were given the opportunity to begin war! They were only a pawn in the game of universal warmongers!

## MR. CHURCHILL BLAMED

I have constantly uttered warnings against Churchill, Eden, Duff-Cooper and the rest but I was laughed at.

To-day these men are calmly saying that it is no longer a question of Poland but of the German Government.

I believe it would have been possible to avoid war were it not for the British guarantee and incitement of these apostles of war.

I was ready to negotiate directly with Poland but the Poles did not turn up."

Referring to Mussolini's offer of mediation after the invasion of Poland, Hitler said: "Peace could have still been secured. France agreed but Britain refused, sending the Reich a two-hour ultimatum."

## POLAND CHOSE WAR!!

"Poland chose war and had it. Poland had been told that it would be easy not only to hold up the German troops but to make them retreat."

"Poland has learned in 18 days how they have been lied to."

"If ever in history, the expression can now be applied 'the word has been struck with man, horse and waggon.'"

"While I have been speaking here, our troops are at Brest-Litovsk, Lemberg and farther south."

At this moment endless columns of Polish captives are marching away.

"Yesterday morning there were 20,000 prisoners; last night 50,000; early to-day 70,000 and I do not know how many now."

"What remains of the Polish Army will capitulate or be defeated in the next few weeks. The German Army has given the Western democracies a good object lesson."

## EYE FOR EYE

"As you know I ordered our air force most strictly to limit themselves only to military objects but our opponents in the east and west must not take advantage of this in the future."

"We shall take an eye for an eye and, for every bomb, we shall answer with five bombs."

"I have given orders to the troops to observe the rules of warfare but if those in the west want it otherwise they can have it."

"In 18 days we have defeated the Poles but now we hope to arrange a situation in which a tolerable solution can be found by reasonable means in the future."

## PLEASE MAKE NOTE

Meanwhile Russian troops have marched into Ukraine and White Russia to protect Russia's interests."

Referring to the relations between Berlin and Moscow Hitler said that Russia remained Bolshevik and Germany remained National Socialist.

"Neither the German nor the Russian Governments want to be drawn into war in the interests of the Western democracies."

"Will the gentlemen of England and France please make a note of this?"

OTHERWISE KNOWN AS—? "We have found that it is in the best interests of both our nations to have an understanding with each other."

"We shall never again fight a war in the interests of the western democracies."

"England ought to welcome an

## GERMAN PLANE OVER LIMBURG

The Hague, To-day.  
Germany has apologised to the Netherlands for another violation of the latter's neutrality.  
This time the incident occurred when a German plane flew over Limburg on September 8.—Reuter.

## FRENCH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Paris, To-day.

The Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, has summoned the first Council of Ministers of his new Government for 10 o'clock this morning (Wednesday).

The Council is expected to discuss the political and military situation arising out of the Soviet invasion of Poland.

After the meeting, a declaration will probably be issued reaffirming the French determination to continue the war till victory is won.—Reuter.

agreement with Germany and Russia because such an agreement sets at rest England's fears of unlimited German expansion."

Hitler added that not only Germany, but also Russia guaranteed that Poland would never again rise in the form laid down by the treaty of Versailles.

## TO MINIMISE TENSION

"It was a matter for the two countries most deeply interested to see how Poland would look territorially and politically in the future."

Germany and Russia would take all pains to create in that territory circumstances which would minimise tension."

"If they are saying in the west that this must not take place. If they are saying in England that we must reckon with war for three, four or eight years, then we will give them a suitable answer."

## NO WAR AIMS!

"I have no war aims against England and France. I have tried to maintain peace between these two countries and establish friendly relations."

"I have specially striven, after the settlement of the Saar, to prevent any conflict and prevent any propaganda which could provoke hostility!"

"If England continues the war, she reveals her real aims—that she wants war against the German Government."

If the war lasted three years the word capitulation would not arise on the German side nor in the fourth, fifth or sixty-seventh years."

Hitler declared that it was "bottomless villainy" that millions of men must be hounded to death and added that undoubtedly Germany would take up the challenge."

He asserted that England had already started a war against women and children by means of her navy."

## WE QUIVER IN OUR SHOES

Hitler hinted at a German military secret when he said: "The moment may come when we shall use a weapon not yet known and with which we could not be ourselves attacked."

He hoped that they would not be forced to use this means and hoped that nobody could then complain in the name of humanity."

He concluded that Germany was determined to see this thing through to a victorious end and they only wished God would enlighten other nations and make them reconsider things.—Reuter.



## SIX AND EIGHTPENCE

"Meredith, I want to make my will. My fox-head scarf-pin to my Uncle Philip, unless he remarries. My collection of film stars' portraits, autographed, I leave to the Mess. To my faithful butler, Albert Hawkins, the contents of my cellar..."

"But, Lord Henry, isn't this rather sudden? It was only last night that I chanced to catch sight of you in Regent Street on the roof of a taxi-cab, sounding a fanfare on what appeared to be a hunting-horn."

"Don't remind me of it, Meredith. If you only knew how I feel. Not a morsel of food has passed my lips since a brace of devilled bones at three a.m."

"I am indeed sorry to hear that,

Lord Henry, but in all my long experience I have seldom known a hang-over prove fatal. Are you not cognisant of Rosa's Lime Juice?"

"I think so, why?"

"Because the said Rosa's, whether taken as 'Gin and Lime' or consumed before bed, does, by virtue of its therapeutic properties, neutralise the after-effects of alcohol and render hangovers null and void."

"Is this true, Meredith?"

"I am speaking, Lord Henry, as your solicitor."

"Thank you, Meredith, from the bottom of my heart. You have given me fresh hope. Believe me, when I do come to make my will you shall not be forgotten."



# BRITAIN UNPLEASANT ENOUGH TO REMIND HITLER OF PAST STATEMENTS

London, To-day.

**A MINISTRY OF Information** communique states: "Hitler's speech is full of gross mis-statements. It is surprising that a man in his responsible position should venture to convict himself so palpably out of his own mouth."

The communique draws extensively on passages in Hitler's speeches which contrast with yesterday's utterances.

As an example, yesterday Hitler referred to the late Marshal Pilsudski, former president of Poland, as a man of energy and action, who, with Hitler, put aside the Versailles Treaty, but lately the German minority has been barbarously ill-treated while the world remained dumb.

The communique states that the world remained dumb because of the reason that from the time of Pilsudski's death until this spring, Hitler represented his relations with Poland as excellent.

In the Reichstag on May 21, 1935, Hitler said that he recognized Poland as the home of a great and patriotic nation with understanding and cordial friendship for candid National Socialism.

## AND SO ON

In the Reichstag on February 20 he said that German relations with Poland were not only characterised by a detente but, in the previous year, resulted in a more friendly drawing together. He described the late High Commissioner of Danzig as a man of personality.

He declared that this, the most dangerous place for peace in Europe (Danzig), had entirely lost its menacing significance.

At the Sports Palace on September 26, 1938, Hitler said that in the preceding year it had been possible to get an agreement with Poland which to begin with excluded a Danzig clash for 10 years.

## SHAMEFUL BETRAYAL

The communique states that Poland recently had before its eyes the shameful betrayal of the solemn assurances by the German Government at Munich.

"Germany has no further territorial ambitions in Europe" was an undertaking which was broken too frequently and too often, it says.

The communique compares "what Hitler tells us of Russia with what he told us when it was Ribbentrop's mission to persuade Britain of the Russian peril."

## OUT OF HIS OWN MOUTH

In the Reichstag on January 30, 1937, Hitler in a thorough-going condemnation of Bolshevism as poisonous bacilli, requested the German workers to avoid all contacts and relations with these international parasites.

At Nuremberg on September 14, 1937, Hitler declared: To refuse to collaborate with such elements does not mean to isolate oneself but to secure oneself."

As late as February 20, 1938, Hitler, in the Reichstag, avowed that there was one state with which we do not want to have close relationships, namely Soviet Russia.

The communique concludes: "There is no question of Britain waging war on German women and children."

"The German Government has already declared that there are ample stocks of food in Germany and the restriction of the import of raw materials is not a measure of which the German Government can legitimately complain."

## TRAVESTY OF FACTS

"Finally, Hitler's account of the circumstances attending the outbreak of

war is a travesty of facts. He was determined on war and hoped to the last that Britain would not fulfil her obligations to Poland.

"It was only two days after the invasion of Poland, when no reply was received to the British communication, that the ultimatum was addressed to the German Government.—Reuter.

## FIRST COMMENT

London, To-day.

First British comment on Hitler's speech is that Hitler's tale of broken promises is so long that we can no longer believe that his desires are limited.

In reference to Hitler's attack on Britain's economic warfare, there is no question of a British attack on German women and children since the German Government has said that it has ample food stocks.—Reuter.

## HUNGARY AND TOKYO

London, To-day.

The Nazi radio reports that Hungary has established a Legation in Tokyo.

A Hungarian consul-general has already been appointed, says the report.—Reuter.

## BRITISH INVITATION TO NEUTRALS

London, To-day.

**THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT**, says a statement by the Ministry of Information, has told neutral countries that she is ready to consider suggestions.

This is a reply to the Nazi allegation that Britain had sent a Note to neutral countries which was a virtual ultimatum in connection with trade in wartime.

Nazi propaganda pretends that protests have been made by neutral countries against the British contraband ruling.

The truth is that Britain is doing all in her power to ensure that bona fide neutral trade continues.

Britain is discussing with neutrals, methods of reducing the inevitable dislocation of trade in wartime.

These discussions are taking place in a friendly atmosphere, and efforts are being made to take into account the trade needs of neutrals.—Reuter.

## THE TRUTH WILL OUT

A recent German communique asserted that the British Government

## SOVIET HUNTING POLISH SUBMARINES

London, To-day.

The Soviet Fleet has been ordered to prevent Polish submarines, which are believed to be in hiding in Baltic ports, from leaving the Baltic.

The order follows the escape of an interned Polish submarine from Tallinn (Estonia).

The submarine slipped away under cover of darkness.

Estonian guards who tried to prevent the escape were killed, and when shore batteries opened fire, the submarine submerged.

Esthonian warships followed the submarine, but there have been no reports that the submarine has been sighted.

There are only six torpedoes in the submarine, from which the other projectiles were removed and the guns rendered useless by the Esthonian authorities.—Reuter.

## PENSIONS FOR THE DISABLED

London, To-day.

A Royal Warrant was issued in London yesterday for the granting of pensions to disabled Servicemen and their dependents.

The Warrant also makes provision for pensions for women in the nursing service.—Reuter.

## BRITONS STILL SAVING

London, To-day.

More money was deposited in Post Office Savings Banks in the nine days ending September 6 than was drawn out.

Total deposits at the end of August amounted to over £937,000,000.—Reuter.

## MR. ATTLEE VISITS NO. 10

London, To-day.  
Mr. C. R. Attlee, Leader of the Opposition, is resuming his Parliamentary duties after a long illness.

Yesterday afternoon he called at No. 10, Downing Street, with Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Leader of the Opposition.—Reuter.

## NEW TESTAMENT FOR TROOPS

London, To-day.

A special pocket edition of the New Testament has been issued to all members of the fighting Services and the Civil Defence bodies.

Each copy contains a message from the King, stating: "To all my people engaged in defence of the realm I commend reading of this book." — Reuter.

## ANOTHER NEWSPAPER MAN CO-OPTED

London, To-day.

The Hon. Esmond Harmsworth has accepted a seat on the Advisory Council of the Ministry of Information as Chairman of the Newspaper Proprietors' Association.—Reuter.

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## MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

### PAYING FOR DEMOCRACY

Will democracy in America have the courage and self-discipline to tax itself sufficiently to survive? Mr. Roosevelt himself once observed that liberal governments too often have come to grief on the rocks of loose fiscal policy. The history of representative government shows that its besetting weakness is the tendency of the people to lean upon it rather than support it.

The answer to this question may be embodied in what the next session of Congress does with Senator Robert La Follette's long-pending proposal, narrowly defeated in the Senate this year, to broaden the base of the Federal income tax. A subcommittee of the House of Representatives is to consider recommending to the next session a lowering of exemptions and a flat rise of 1 per cent in the rate for all brackets. A wider tax consciousness would do probably more than any other one thing to brighten the prospect of genuine economy and of an American Government living within its income.

It was a policy of this kind which blinded our present Government to the mounting dangers in Europe and let it procure, one must say against its own will, the fall of Czecho-Slovakia. But in democracy a people cannot escape responsibility for what its rulers do. Dr. Benes's speech was not a homily for politicians; it was wisdom for the millions who elect politicians, setting the high standards by which they should judge leaders and policies to the end of being represented as they deserve.—"Manchester Guardian."

### WINGS OF CLAY

Among papers to be read before the British Association this year is one on the Future of Flying.

Strange, that the greatest invention of man should have turned out to be his greatest curse. Looks as if the gods were jealous of our too-much knowledge.

Pride in flight will revive when a benevolent scientist has discovered a way to neutralise the aeroplane as a war-weapon.—"Daily Mirror."

### TO HER ACTS

Though Japan has stated that she will not deal on any basis with Chiang Kai-shek, peace without Chinese consent is not within the realm of probabilities, and the Chinese Government was never less inclined than at this moment to discuss terms. Japan's aims remain shrouded in obscurity.

Originally she would probably have been content to establish over the five northern provinces such a control through puppet governments as she had obtained in Manchukuo, but military ambitions have passed far beyond that point, and the world is left to judge of what Japan desires by her actions rather than the words of her statesmen. To her acts must be ascribed the tension regarding the situation in the Far East. The worth of repeated assertions that the rights of third Powers in China will be fully respected would be greater were it not the fact that those rights have been disregarded wherever the Japanese arms have won success.—"Daily Telegraph."

### REMEMBER MR. GLADSTONE

"For my own part, I am not ashamed to say that if ten years ago anybody had prophesied to me the success of the co-operative system as illustrated in the towns in the north, if I had been told that men would so associate together for their mutual advantage, I should have regarded the prediction as absurd.—Mr. W. E. Gladstone, in the House of Commons in 1864."

### PRECAUTIONS IN EIRE

Two proclamations have been made by the Government, the effect of which is to empower the Ministry to set up special criminal court for the trial of persons under the Act and also, in certain circumstances, to intern such persons.

These proclamations may be regarded as matters of departmental routine, but there is no doubt that the Eire Government has been influenced to some degree by the changes in the international situation. Mr. de Valera has always taken the view that in the event of a European war disaffected elements in Ireland — in other words, the I.R.A.—might be expected to give trouble. The great danger, of course, is that they might make some kind of violent demonstration against the six counties of Northern Ireland, and it may be assumed that the Eire Government had this possibility in mind when they decided to invoke the powers with which they have been endowed by the Offences Against the State Act.—"The Times."

### THE POLITICIAN

To the world's good fortune the President of Czecho-Slovakia, unlike the Chancellor of Austria, escaped his enemies, and in him the free voice of his country can still be heard. The noble speech Dr. Benes made to the Liberal Summer School at Cambridge on Monday showed a mind unharmed by the temporary disappearance of all that he had worked for; his is not a spirit that can be stopped in its course by material disaster. He stated his ideal of the democratic politician—for him, as for the Greeks, the greatest of all artists. It is true that few statesmen in history could fulfil his definition of a man of iron character and high morality, of brilliant intellect balanced by great imaginative power. As he suggested, the imagination will overwhelm reason in a mystical dictator, while intellect, unlit by principle, too often turns a democratic politician into a cynic who waits upon opportunity. But for his ideal Dr. Benes would wish no more than that it was steadfastly pursued. He demanded that great foresight which can only come from intellectual leadership.

It is not sufficient to administer, to let events have their course, to wait patiently, and to settle things as they turn up.

That is a vice to which our Governments have been peculiarly open.

### HUNGARY'S HUNGER

The occupation of Ruthenia by the Hungarians brought about a common Polish-Hungarian frontier. The soldiers kissed each other when they first met in the shows of last winter; since then they have been sullenly preparing for action. To complicate matters, the former Slovakia was given a very peculiar status. It was a no-man's-land between Hungary, Poland, and Germany, and nobody took responsibility for the frequent border incidents. There is little doubt that the Germans stirred up anti-Hungarian feeling there, because they hoped to use the troubles as an excuse to bring pressure on Hungary to adhere more closely to the Axis.

Hungary, only a "bleeding heart" of its former self, undoubtedly wants more lands back. In the main square of Budapest four statues stand draped in mourning to keep fresh in every Magyar mind the feeling of resentment at the country's dismemberment by the Treaty of Trianon. On of them has been uncovered since the Hungarians shared in the loot from Czecho-Slovakia, but this is only a beginning. The present Foreign Minister, Count Csaky, has always led the irredentists, and he is much more concerned with redeeming the provinces acquired by Rumania and Yugoslavia than with linking up with the Axis on ideological grounds. "Mindent visszai!" is his slogan.—"Everything back!"—"Sydney Morning Herald."



**H.M.S. COURAGEOUS****NAZI U-BOAT WAS  
BLOWN OUT OF  
THE WATER**

London, To-day.

**SURVIVORS OF THE Courageous torpedoing said the attack took place in ideal submarine weather.**

A gunnery officer stated that many of the crew were killed in trying to jump clear as the aircraft-carrier sank.

**One of the ratings told the press that they saw the U-boat blown straight out of the water by the destroyers' depth-charges.**

The Admiralty yesterday afternoon issued full details of the sinking of the aircraft-carrier Courageous, together with a list of the survivors as known at 1 p.m.

The full complement of Courageous was 1,280, of whom the approximate number known to have been rescued is 681, of whom 70 are officers and 611 ratings.

The list previously published gave 426 names, of whom 45 were officers and 381 ratings, and there therefore remain to be published as soon as possible the names of 255 more, of whom 25 are officers and 230 ratings.—Reuter.

**FRENCH MESSAGE**

London, To-day.

The Chief of the French Naval Staff has sent the following message to Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty:

"The French Navy has learned of the glorious end of H.M.S. Courageous, and feels at such a time how alive and vital are the links which bind it to the Royal Navy."—Reuter.

**NEUTRALITY  
ADDRESS BY  
ROOSEVELT**

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt has tentatively arranged to address a joint session in the Senate House on neutrality to-morrow.

He is expected to speak at about 8 p.m. B.S.T.

Mr. Early, the President's private secretary, told the press that the address would be very brief.—Reuter.

**HE  
DISAGREED  
WITH  
HITLER!**

Amsterdam, To-day.

Arrivals in Amsterdam from Germany record the astonishment of Germans at the silence of Dr. Joseph Goebbels, Nazi Propaganda Minister, since the outbreak of war.

Dr. Goebbels' name has not appeared in the Nazi press for some weeks, and opinion in Berlin is that he may have been sacrificed to the new pro-Soviet policy, of which he was a fervid opponent.

It is also pointed out that no measures have been taken in Germany to stop the rumours concerning Dr. Goebbels.—Reuter.

(First news of Dr. Goebbels' disgrace or death was published exclusively in the "China Mail" yesterday).

**NAZIS PUBLISHING  
RED COMMUNIKES**

London, To-day.

The Nazi news agency has now started publishing the Soviet war communiques.

The first of these merely listed towns occupied by the Red Army.—Reuter.

**F.M.S. SECRETARY**

London, To-day.

It is announced by the Colonial Office that Mr. H. Fraser has been appointed Federal Secretary in the Federated Malay States on the retirement of Mr. C. D. Ahearne. — British Wireless.

**NAZI SHIPS  
WILL NOT  
BE ALLOWED  
TO ARM**

London, To-day.

The "Hochi Shimbun" of Tokyo was cited yesterday as stating that the German liner, Scharnhorst, now at Kobe, was being converted into an armed raider.

The Ministry of Information announces that the British Naval Attache at Tokyo has been informed by the Japanese naval authorities that the arming of German ships in Japanese ports would not be permitted, as this would constitute an infringement of Japanese neutrality.—British Wireless.

**LIMITED  
RATIONING**

London, To-day.

The limited rationing which the Government have decided on, to ensure the fair sharing of certain foods, will not be introduced for another month or five weeks at least.

Meanwhile, there are ample supplies of foodstuffs of all kinds and it is authoritative stated that nothing can justify either hoarding or profiteering.

Apart from the foods which will be rationed when the orders take effect, the prices of most other foods will be strictly controlled.—British Wireless.



**SMILES—DESPITE THE MUD.**—Women of the Auxiliary Territorial Service are now under canvas at Tidworth, Wiltshire, where they are undergoing training. It is the largest A.T.S. camp ever held. The heavy rains of the past few weeks has caused 'heavy going' underfoot. Here is a member of the camp off to clean the Wellingtons belonging to her tent companions. (Copyright, Fox).

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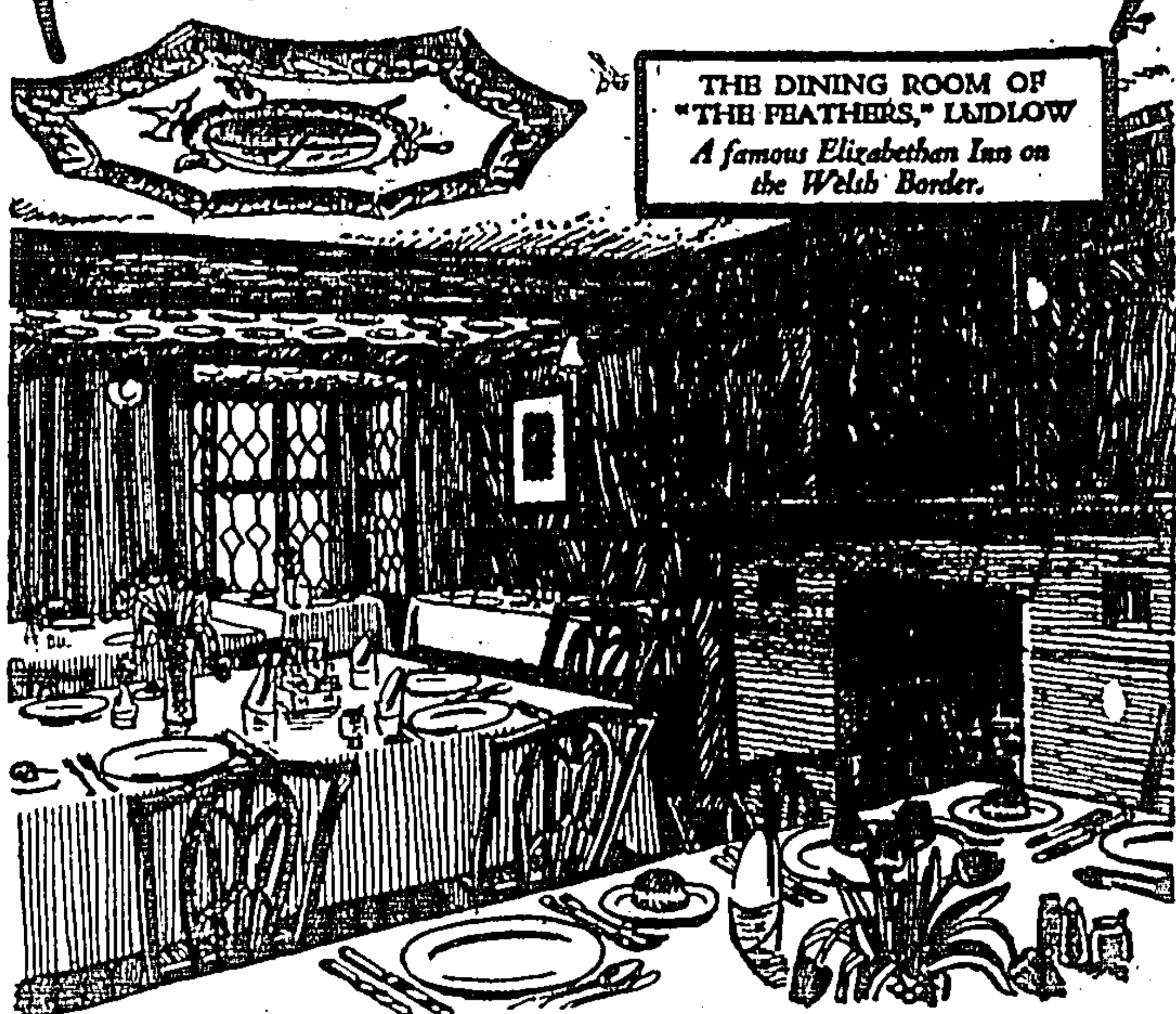
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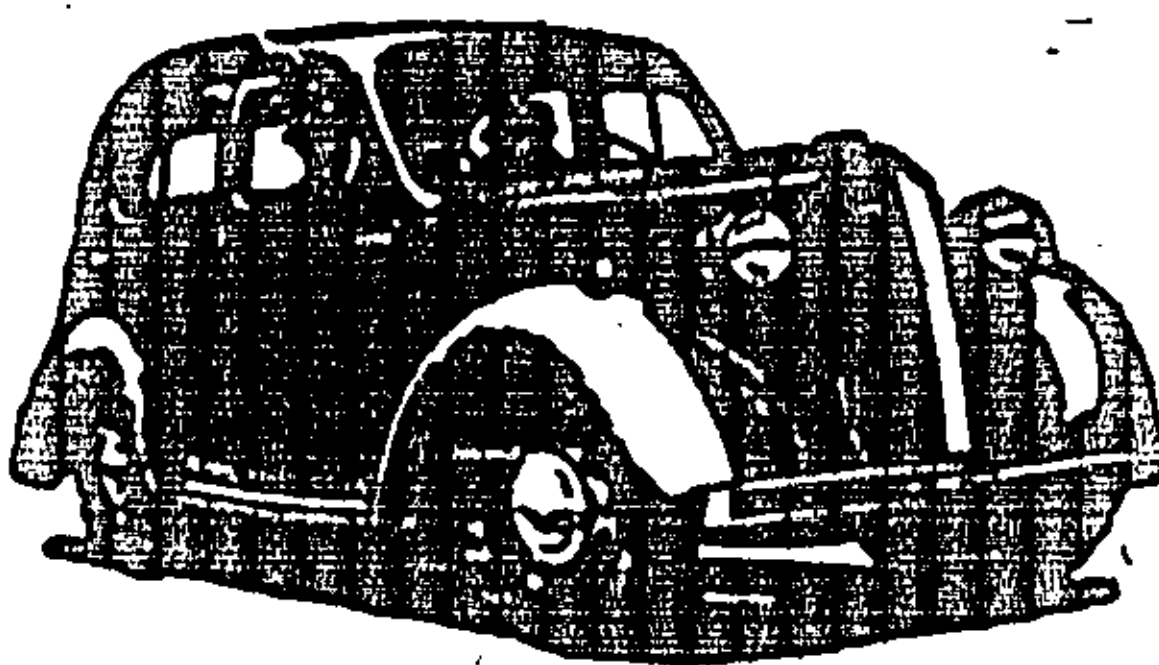
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# GERMANY'S THREATENED LANGUAGE TO NEUTRAL STATES: THE PARADOX

London, To-day.

THE BELGIAN PRESS has reproduced the following bulletin issued by the Deutsche Nachrichten Buro, the German official news agency: "Great Britain is mistaken if she thinks Germany is disposed to allow her communications with neutral States to be cut by British guns.

"We must warn these States not to submit to Britain. This warning is especially addressed to the Oslo States.

"Germany desires to leave neutrals outside the present conflict. This desire must not, however, be considered as weakness, Germany not being disposed to allow the least deviation from neutrality, even if it is question of yielding to force."

This, it will be seen, contains a direct threat to the neutral States to force them to conform to Germany's own ideas of neutral conduct.

The British Government's attitude towards the question of trade with neutrals has been made clear in a statement issued by the Ministry of information yesterday morning.

If that attitude has produced this violent reaction in Germany, it is clearly because she notoriously depends to a large extent on the Scandinavian States for war materials and wishes to force them to continue to supply her with these, though in international law no neutral State is under any obligation to supply anything to belligerents unless she feels so disposed.

Such threats are the more remarkable in view of the German Government's declared intention to impose a contraband control of their own on neutral shipping.—British Wireless.

## SNATCHERS USING BICYCLES

Bag-snatchers are using bicycles to escape arrest.

This was revealed last night when, at about 9 p.m., Miss L. Shak, of No. 27, Lock Road, had her handbag snatched in Granville Road.

The man jumped on a push-cycle and escaped.

## CHILD DIES OF SCALDING

A nine-months-year-old Chinese boy, Chui Ming, succumbed to severe scalds last night in the Kowloon Hospital.

The lad and a 16-year-old girl, Lam Sai-so, were scalded by boiling water in the kitchen of No. 360, Prince Edward Road.

The girl's condition is said to be improving.

Mrs. D. S. Robb, residing at No. 2, Tregunter Mansions, has reported to the Police that last Friday her wrist watch, valued at \$100, was snatched outside the China Emporium, Queen's Road Central.

## GIFTS NATION

The Chancellor has, since the war, received many gifts in the form of cash and goods. He has also received the nation, a nation of interest for the British Wireless.

## BRITAIN'S GIFT FOR INDIAN ARMY MODERNISATION

London

THE DECISION OF THE Imperial Council to make a grant of over £25,000,000 for the modernisation of India's defence has been received very favourably by opinion in India.

The grant is a sequel to the finding of the Committee of which Lord Chelmsford was chairman.

The Committee, working on material supplied to them in India, estimated the capital cost of modernising Indian forces at something over £34,000,000.

The Committee, as well as the British Government, realised that the funds required to meet this heavy expenditure could not be found out of the resources available in India.

It was, therefore, decided that three quarters of the fund needed would be provided as a free gift while one-quarter would be by way of a loan. Interest on the loan portion is entirely remitted for the first five years.

The modernising of India's defence forces has not, of course, been awaiting upon this final decision.

The first units selected for conversion last year in the Indian Army, as distinct from the British Army in India, were cavalry regiments.

### MODERN SOLDIER

The Indian cavalry soldier proved himself wonderfully adaptable to all the new training he had to undergo and showed his capacity of becoming, without any difficulty, a "modern" soldier with all the technical knowledge which that term implies to-day.

Armoured cars and tanks with which these cavalry regiments were provided were vehicles of the latest type.

As for the re-equipment of the R.A.F. in India, it was announced

some time ago that the squadrons of aircraft have a long list of tributes to the generosity and man has assumed everything that economically for country would.

### INDIA'S

Towards the Government of India, the department of State with questions all kinds for it. It is worth remembering that India itself, as a portion of the troops in India, is considerably less than Great Britain.

By the end of the value of equipment was £80,000,000 to the Allies in wolfram, manganese, timber, raw silk, petroleum, tea, and other goods. As an indication of which India's

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THERE'S A GUY IN MONEY NOT CH

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## AUSTRALIA AND HER PART IN WAR

Canberra, To-day.

Both the Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, and the Defence Minister, Brigadier G. A. Street, told the Australian House of Representatives yesterday that no Australian expeditionary force would be despatched overseas at present, but the situation might be reviewed later.

At the end of November, said Mr. Menzies, 100,000 men in Australia would have received at least one month's training.

Brigadier Street said that the shifts and changes in the international situation were so extraordinary that no responsible Australian Government could pledge in advance what part the country would play.

On the first day of enrolment of volunteers in Australia, 10,000 men joined up.—Reuter.

### CAN IT BE POSSIBLE?

The Defence Minister, Brigadier Street, said the British Government recognised that the best contribution Australia could make at this juncture was to defend herself.

Commenting on the general situation, Mr. Menzies said it was impossible to feel that Germany and Russia could at a moment's notice compose their hereditary differences to the satisfaction of their people.—British Wireless.

## INTERESTING TALKS IN ROME

Rome, To-day.

The appointment of Signor Bastianini as new Italian Ambassador in London yesterday followed a day of intense diplomatic activity in Rome.

Count Ciano, the Foreign Minister, saw Sir Percy Loraine, the British Ambassador, and M. Francois Poncelet, the French Ambassador.

Count Ciano also saw the Polish Ambassador and the Rumanian Minister.

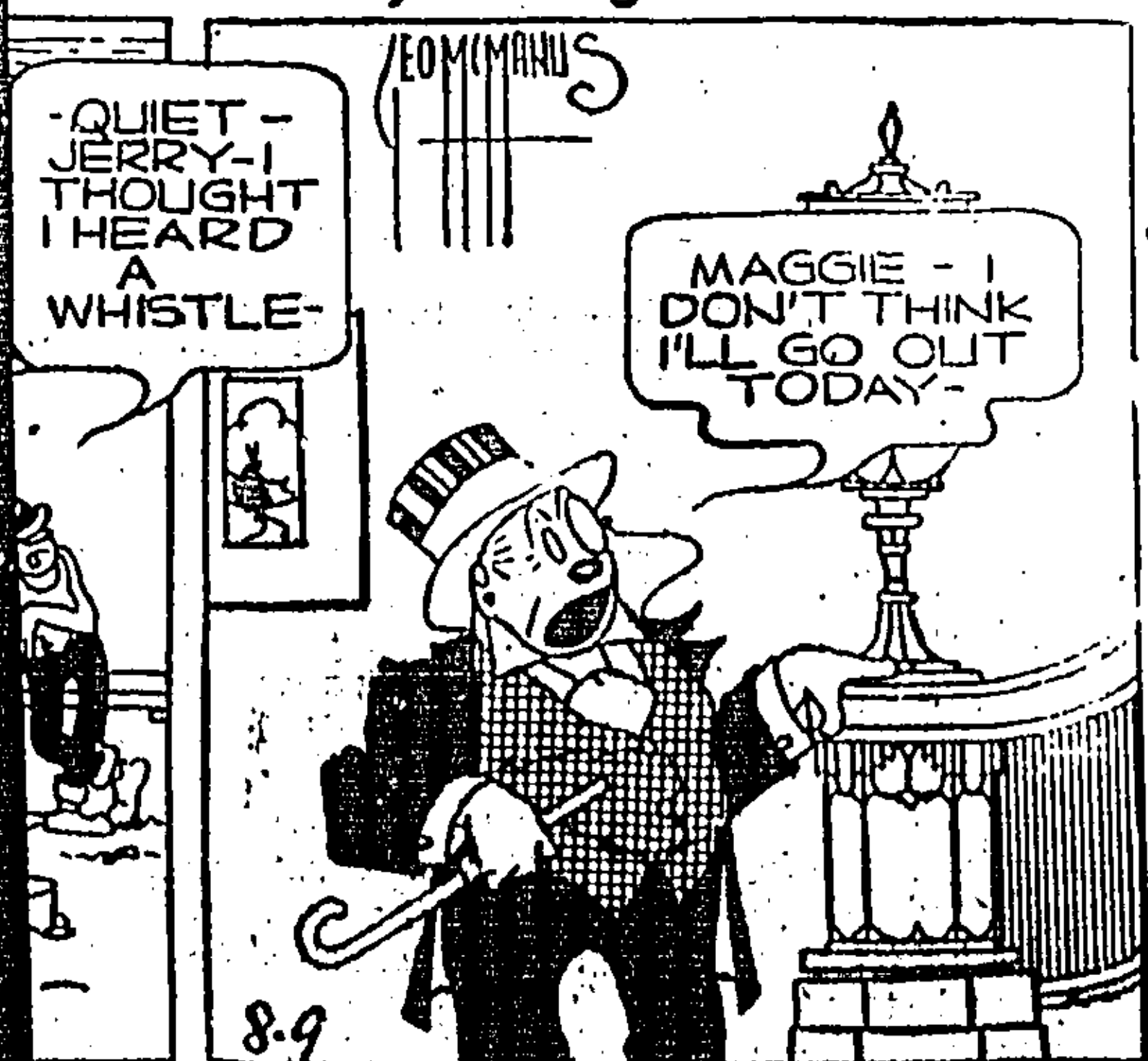
In the Vatican, His Holiness the Pope is understood to feel great anxiety over the fate of Poland, which is a predominantly Catholic country.

His Holiness received the Polish Minister to the Holy See as well as the Primate of Poland, who had hurried to Rome.

His Holiness also received the British and French Ministers to the Holy See.—Reuter.

ed for war needs in the last war, the output of wolfram was increased from a negligible figure to one third of the world's production. Exports of Indian jute alone in the last war were worth £137,000,000.—British Wireless.

By George McManus



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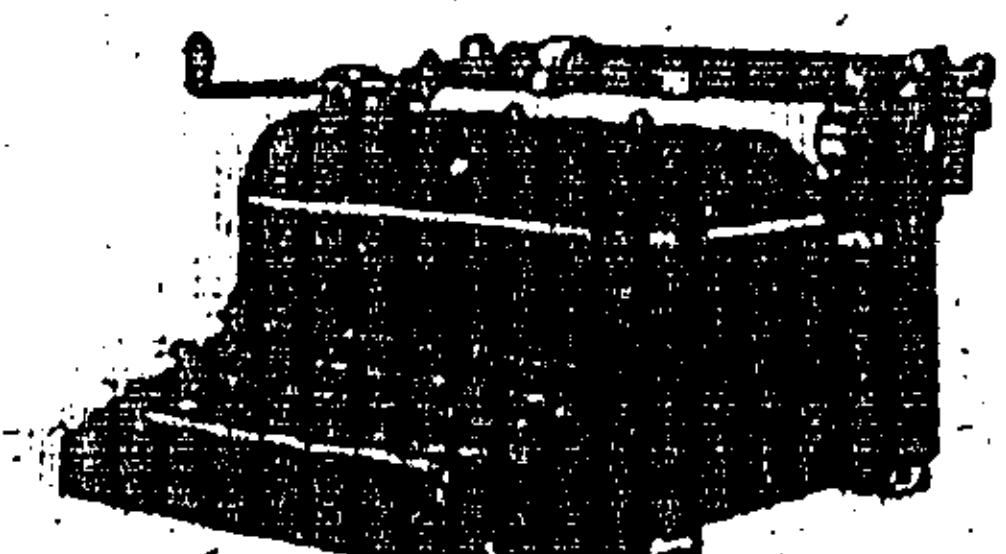


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## OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



"Fellow-directors, our president regrets he can't be with us—he couldn't get permission from the warden!"

Here's Luck

EWO BEER

LONDON STILL GROWING:  
POPULATION NOW 8,655,000

London is still by far the largest city in the world. During 1937, the last period for which statistics have been compiled, there was an increase in the population of 80,000, bringing the total to 8,655,000.

New York, with a population of 7,000,000, is still a long way behind. This is one of many facts that emerge from "London Statistics, 1936-38," to be issued shortly by the London County Council and published by P. S. King and Son (15s 6d). The 540 pages of this volume constitute a complete statistical record of the public services of the Metropolis.

There is a continuing migration of population to districts beyond the administrative county. The population of the county was at its highest in 1901, when it was 4,536,267. Since then it has fallen steadily, and in 1938 was 4,602,800.

This growth of Greater London at the expense of the administrative county is reflected in the decrease in the number of elementary school-children in the county. Their numbers have dropped from 900,000 in 1915 to 543,600 in 1937. The decline in school population is proportionately much larger than the decrease in the total population of the county.

## GREAT READING PUBLIC

The subject chosen in this volume for special analysis is libraries. The detailed figures show that in the year ended March 31 last 40,116,733 books were issued, to borrowers from public libraries in Greater London and 20,175,088 from libraries maintained by local authorities in extra-London. To these must be added 2,078,559 issued from public libraries in extra-London maintained by county councils.

The growth of public libraries in the past ten years may be judged from the fact that in the administrative county issues of books have risen from 14,512,112 in 1928 to 19,941,654 last year. The number of books issued per registered borrower has risen from 29.3 to 31.1.

## LONDON'S FIRES

Following are some striking facts from this comprehensive work:  
There were 7,060 fires in London last year, of which only 36 were serious,

Fire brigades received 11,669 calls, of which 1,980 were malicious false alarms.

The total debt of all London local authorities at March 31, 1937, was £162,795,433, an increase of £5,297,524 over the previous year. Interest and repayment charges amounted to £10,550,720, compared with £9,589,426 in the previous year.

There are 2,334 miles of roads and streets maintained by local authorities in the Administrative County, and the cost of lighting them is £257 per mile per year.

Of 50,000 London schoolchildren leaving elementary schools in 1937, 89 boys and 127 girls were described as of "super-normal" mental condition.

L. C. C. lidos and open-air swimming baths were used by 857,000 bathers last year.

## POLICE EFFICIENCY

The Metropolitan police were notified in 1937 of 7,203 stolen motor-cars, and recovered 7,094.

Thirteen horse cabs were licensed in London in 1937.

On Jan. 1 last the Administrative County contained 88 theatres and music halls, 291 cinemas, 224 hotels, restaurants and public-houses, and 28 dancing halls and skating rinks. The theatres and music-halls can accommodate 124,000 people and the cinemas 363,000.

The cost of running London's public life amounts to a large sum. In 1935-36 the total expenditure of London local authorities was £63,202,168. Of this sum the L.C.C. spent £35,156,238.

GERMANS'  
SHORTER SHIRTS

The German trade journal, "Textil Zeitung," announces that an annual economy of millions of yards of shirt material has been introduced by shortening the length of shirt tails.

The paper adds that, in view of the shortage of raw material for the German textile trade, it would be an enormous advantage if the old custom of wearing detachable cuffs could be reintroduced.

The present "life" of a shirt is made much shorter by the fraying of the cuffs, and hundreds of thousands of shirts would be economized annually if the detachable cuffs were brought back.

GOLF BALL DROPS IN  
MAN'S POCKET

What should a spectator do when a golf ball played by a competitor in a tournament drops in his coat pocket? This problem was set a spectator in the £1,000 tournament on East Brighton course.

He was sitting on a bank at the back of the first green when a shot played by E. S. Jones, of Neath, South Wales, hit him on the chest and fell in the breast pocket of his coat.

After some discussion as to the proper procedure the spectator was asked to drop the ball, which he did, and then Jones played the shot without incurring any penalty.

Actually the player should have dropped the ball.

Similar experiences are extremely rare. Some years ago I was present at a match at Sandy Lodge, Herts, in which J. H. Taylor, five times Open Champion, was playing. The ball from his drive to the 10th apparently disappeared and was on the point of being given up for lost when a spectator standing on a mound to the left of the green was asked to search his pockets.



# ROYAL CORPS IN CLOSE SUPPORT OF COMBATANT UNITS

Napoleon observed that "an army marches on its stomach." Had he commanded a modern army he might have added that it marches over roads kept in constant repair for it; in boots repaired or replaced as the case may be; in a condition of physical fitness for which remedy is immediately available should it show signs of deterioration; dependent on materiel whose exhaustion is punctually made good as it arises.

Thus, to maintain one fit, well-fed, well-shod, adequately supplied fighting man in the firing line demands the services of from three to seven fellow-soldiers labouring in his support.

Of these vital ancillary services the Engineers are certainly not the least important. There have been engineers, of a kind, in our fighting forces since the days of Edward III, when a small body of masons, smiths, carpenters, miners and "engine-workers" were paid at rates of from 3d to 10d a day, while their chief, Henry of Lancaster, received 6s 8d a day.

## HARDY ENGINEERS

This auspicious beginning, however, experienced remarkably slow development. Indeed, while contemporary foreign armies could boast properly organised corps of "Sappers and Miners," so profound, in the military sense, was the Englishman's dislike of the spade that to be delegated as "an abject pioneer" was regarded in Cromwell's "Army of the New Model" as indubitably in the nature of a punishment.

None the less, by 1741 a School of Military Engineering had been successfully founded which, by 1759, had produced an establishment of 61 officers, with a company of "Miners" just over 200 strong. But it was in tribute to their distinguished service in the Crimea that officers and men were united under the title of the Corps of Royal Engineers; and to their many other duties they presently added the heavy and hazardous responsibility of maintaining the system of communications by which all orders were transmitted throughout the Army.

With the Great War years this last-named responsibility so enormously increased in scope as subsequently to justify the creation of a separate service to ensure its efficient working. This offshoot of the old "Mudlarks" bears the title of the Royal Corps of Signals.

## SAYINGS OF THE SAPPERS

"Sappers," as the saying goes, "are all mad, married, or methodist." Which is the typically English method of disguising, under an indulgently mocking phrase, the real tribute whole-heartedly rendered to them by fellow-wearers of the King's uniform to their zeal, reliability and systematic approach to any job that happens to come their way.

The extent and variety of their work, apart from "a-diggin' up of holes and a-stickin' in of poles, and a-buildin' up of barracks for the soldiery," range from the hasty construction of a bridge to pass a battalion over a river, to the punctual delivery of that same battalion's letters once it has debouched on the other side. Indeed, the "Mounted Bricklayers," as they are sometimes termed—a corps of which Lord Kitchener was proud to be a member—have every right to share with the Artillery, as they do, that most comprehensive of all mottoes, "Ubique"—Everywhere.

## SUPPLYING THE TROOPS

Hardly less adventurous than the story of the Engineers is that of the Royal Army Service Corps. Without a perfectly organised service of supply an army would be unable to keep the field, under modern conditions, for the inside of a week. So, when purchase replaced pillage as the method of maintaining the essential flow of commodities to the troops en campaign, the need soon became apparent for a special corps charged

with the function of their concentration and subsequent distribution. But for generations its organisation lagged sadly behind the lines.

The great Marlborough was the first to improvise a reasonably adequate system of field service. Succeeding efforts, however, to put the whole business on a sound basis were persistently hampered by the fact that "supply," implying the disbursement of large sums of money, was a business in which the Treasury jealously refused to permit the military Command to interfere.

Wellington's armies, for example, were "found" in all their daily essentials by civilian contractors; or com-

into such open scandal had the whole care of casualties degenerated by the time of the 1794 war in Flanders that an officer, having been dragged to the operating tent while still unconscious, could later write home, "... and I am relieved to say that, despite medical interference, my wounds now show some sign of healing."

At last, when three so-called doctors appointed to the Walcheren expedition in 1809 were discovered to have stayed snugly at home, punctually drawing their stipends the while, during the entire absence of the field army overseas, reform was seriously taken in hand. With the impetus

Scutari, combined with the burning zeal for reform exhibited by Florence Nightingale, served to set the organisation of the Army's medical service on the road to final reform and expansion. The Great War found it as magnificent in accomplishment as it was unfailing in resource.

The steady, untrumpeted work of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps—offshoot of the venerable Board of Ordnance, itself almost as old as the history of British arms—is rarely given its just measure of consideration. Yet without it the wants of the soldier would go at least 50 per cent. unsatisfied. For the men of the Ordnance provide the Army with all those "non-perishable" necessities—from a pocket-knife to a full set of harness for a processional elephant, from a two-inch nail to a telephone switchboard—not accounted for by the R.A.S.C.

With the Royal Veterinary Corps to look after the sick among its rapidly diminishing quota of horses, and the Pay Corps to deal masterfully with its complicated system of accounts, the British Army can regard its skilled technical services as the ever-reliable background without whose support its fighting efficiency would in no sort of way be possible.

But it is, indeed, by virtue of that same whole-hearted co-operation between each and every arm, which is the key-note of the Service, that the British Army stands forth as the sure friend of those who repose their trust in it, as it must ever be the foe of those who would disturb the peace over which it watches as a vigilant and unwearying sentinel.

## By REGINALD HARGREAVES

missaries. These were under no disciplinary restraint and only answerable to an authority so remote from their sphere of activity as to be practically inoperative. Even when five companies were scraped together to form what was hoped would prove a properly-constituted military supply service—under the title of the Royal Waggoners—matters were in no way improved. Promptly nicknamed the "Newgate Blues"—blue from the colour of their uniform and Newgate in recognition of that sinister gaol wherefrom they had mostly been recruited—their disbandment soon proved inevitable.

## TRANSPORT WORK

Experiments with, successively, a Land Transport Corps, for whom the demands of the Crimean campaign proved altogether too formidable, a military train—commonly known as the "Moke Train"—and a Commissariat and Transport Corps, culminated, in 1888, in the formation, under the inspiration of Gen. Sir Redvers Buller, of the Army Service Corps on much the same lines as we know it to-day, though narrower in scope. Its work in South Africa, despite pettifoggish interference, more than justified its subsequent expansion, and the addition, in due course, of a mechanical transport wing.

In the Great War it was one of the most strenuously worked formations in the whole of the forces. Its unceasing labours were eventually rewarded by the right to assume the honourable prefix Royal.

What the Army owes to the ministrations of the "Linseed Lancers"—as the Royal Army Medical Corps has affectionately been termed—only those who have been through their hands can adequately testify. But the admirable medical service at the disposal of the soldier is a thing of comparatively recent date; and the high standard of skill and consideration it brings to its work to-day only serves to throw into sharper relief the scandalous treatment meted out to the sick and wounded prior to its inauguration.

## CARING FOR THE WOUNDED

Cromwell's army, for example, possessed exactly two "Physicians-General," with a few untrained "apothecaries" to lend them an unskilled hand. For the next 150 years the lot of the soldier struck down in battle or fallen by the way showed remarkably small improvement.

Surgeons in mid-eighteenth century and for many a long year after were appointed by the Colonel of the regiment and paid out of his own pocket. They occupied a position of little greater importance than that enjoyed by the regimental clerk.

So indifferent were their professional qualifications—influence was known, on occasion, to obtain the appointment of men holding no qualifications whatsoever—that the one ambition of the wounded was to avoid the death-traps of hospitals at all costs.

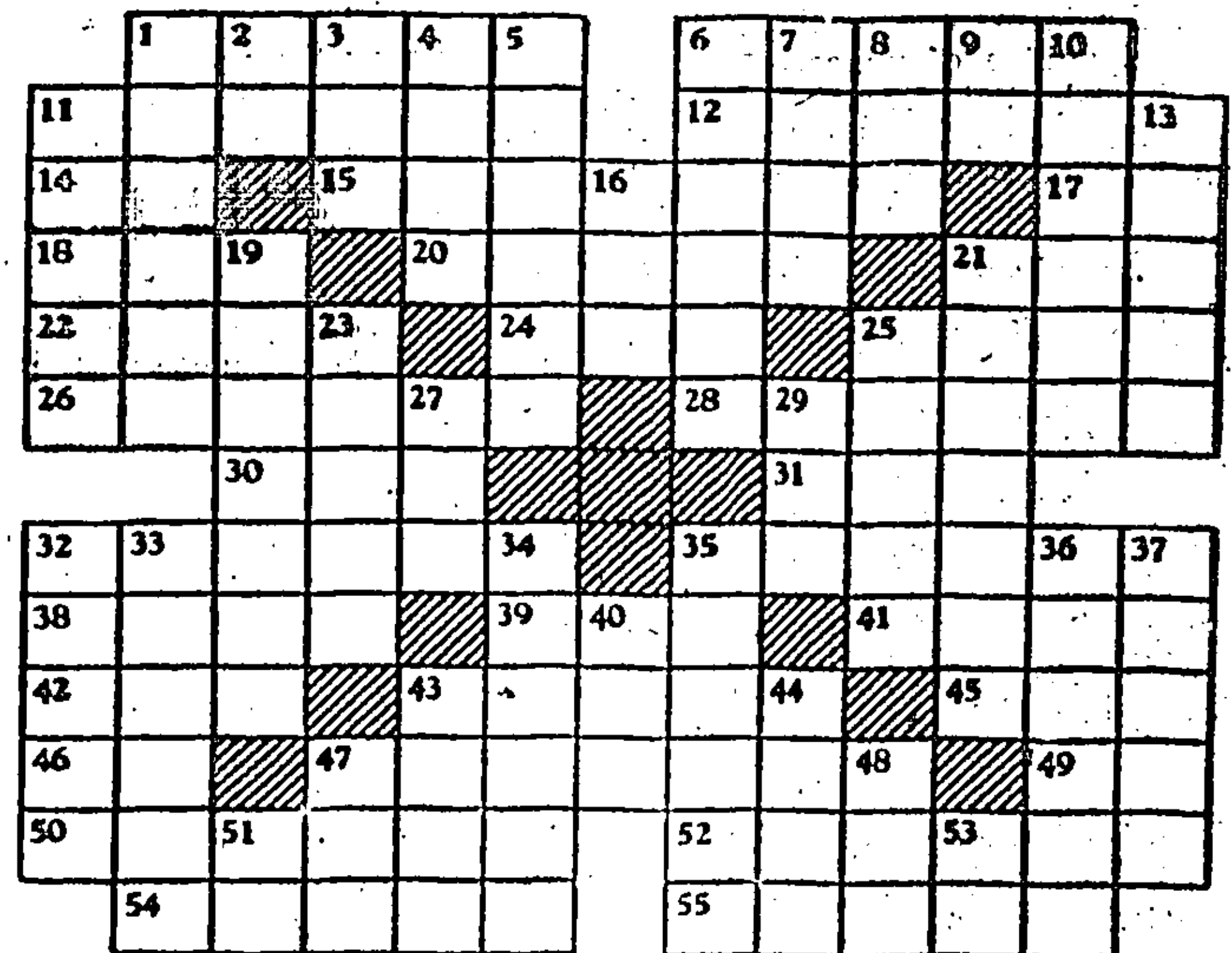
given it by Frederick, Duke of York, a proper medical service for the troops undoubtedly succeeded in making some headway.

It was, however, under that splendid medico, James McGrigor, stoutly supported by the Duke of Wellington, that something of the present scheme of regimental doctors, with a chain of field and base hospitals behind them, first took definite shape. That, with the Crimea, these innovations had fallen sadly away from their initial promise must be attributed not to any inherent flaw in their provisions, but to the stagnation imposed on all military matters by the sluggish aftermath of Waterloo.

## SUPERB WAR RECORD

The scandals of the hospitals, of

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## HORIZONTAL

- 1 Oral
- 6 Clip closely
- 11 A fruit
- 12 Examining official
- 14 Conjunction
- 15 Golf club (pl.)
- 17 Preposition
- 18 Arm of crane
- 20 Glittered
- 21 Queen of fairies
- 22 Employes
- 24 Female sheep
- 25 To moderate
- 26 A termagant (pl.)
- 28 Barley cakes
- 30 Reverential fear
- 31 Man's nickname
- 32 Regard
- 35 Turn of duty (pl.)
- 38 Hastened
- 39 Consume
- 41 Bench
- 42 Bushy clump
- 43 Provides food

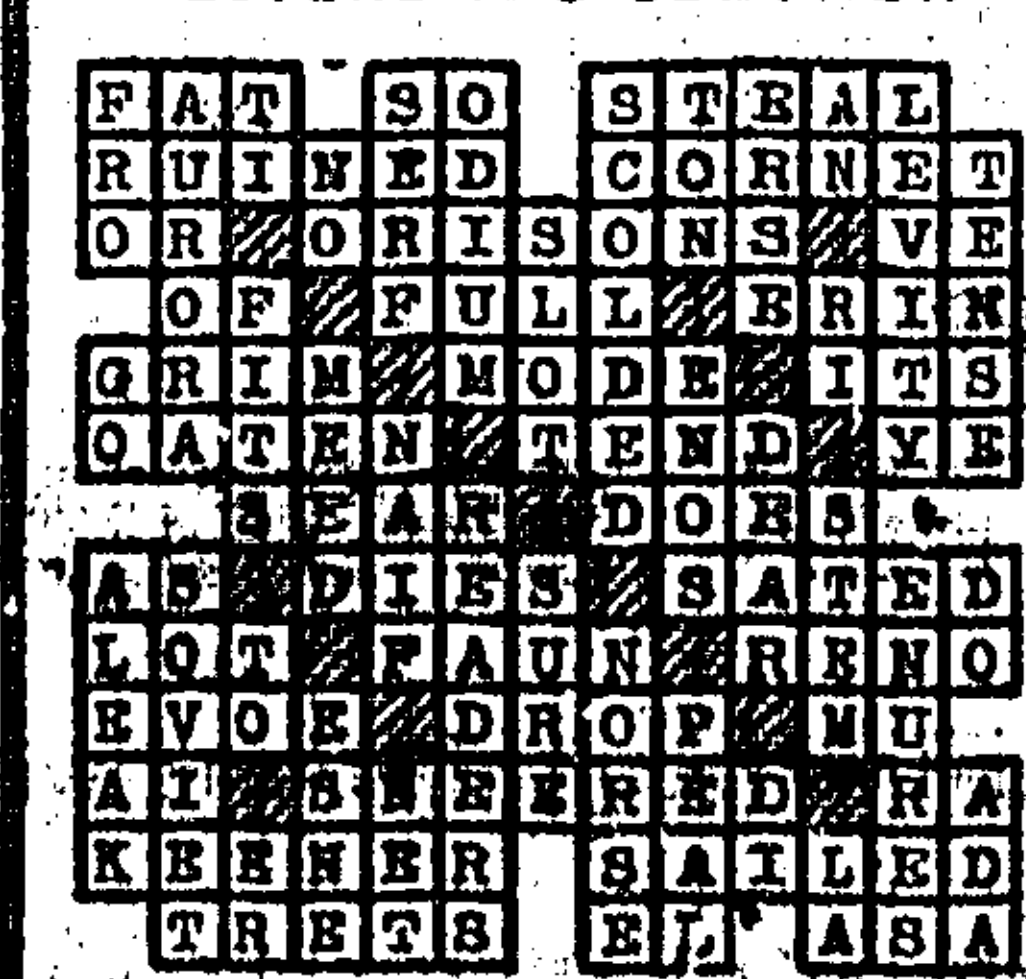
## VERTICAL

- 1 Louisiana county
- 2 Indefinite article
- 3 To knock
- 4 Burden
- 5 Carpenter's machine (pl.)
- 6 Parts of play

## 7 At this place

- 8 Abstract being
- 9 Conjunction
- 10 Circle
- 11 Counterfeit (slang)
- 13 Dressing gowns
- 16 To haul
- 19 Scolded
- 21 Cloaks
- 23 Stretched
- 25 Pierces
- 27 Tiny
- 29 Top
- 32 Ether
- 33 Single-celled bodies
- 34 More contemptible
- 35 Cubic meters
- 36 Praised
- 37 Guide
- 40 Goddess of mischief
- 43 Quote
- 44 Large room
- 47 Equip. with crew
- 48 Rule
- 51 Note of scale
- 53 Symbol for tellurium

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION





# CHIANG KAI-SHEK ON CHINA'S POSITION IN VIEW OF EUROPEAN CRISIS

Chungking, To-day.

**IN RELATION TO THE European issue, China will fulfil her obligations as a member state of the League of Nations and will intensify her resistance to the Far Eastern aggressor, declared Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in the course of a speech on the adjournment of the People's Political Council.**

China will try to frustrate Japan's aggression and also check her ambition of manipulating the international situation to bring pressure to bear upon other countries at this turbulent time.

Describing the European war as a human catastrophe, Generalissimo Chiang said that its remote cause lies in Japan's invasion of Manchuria in 1931 in flagrant violation of her international pledges.

As a result of the failure to enforce international treaties and halt Japan's aggression, the war of aggression in the Far East has assumed wider proportions.

Following in the steps of the Far Eastern aggressor, certain Powers in Europe had resorted to aggression.

Generalissimo Chiang expressed gratification at the decision of the majority of the signatories of the Nine Power Treaty to maintain the integrity of the Treaty and the fulfilment of their pledge to extend assistance to China by member states of the League of Nations. This holds true in spite of the outbreak of the European war.

China's gallant resistance in the past two years, Generalissimo Chiang pointed out, has heightened her international position.

Comprising approximately one-fourth of the total population of the world, she forms one of the pillars of the great edifice of peace.

He hoped that Great Britain, the United States, France, the Soviet Union and other Powers would realise that

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## ROULETTE PARTY RAIDED

A roulette gambling rendezvous at No. 26, Blue Pool Road, Happy Valley, was raided by the Police last night.

Sixteen persons were arrested and released on bail.

This morning none of the defendants appeared in the Central Police Court. Their bails were estreated by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest.

The bail amounted to \$240. The roulette wheel and table, valued at \$200, was ordered to be confiscated.

## LIU HSIANG GIVEN STATE FUNERAL

Chengtu, To-day.

A state funeral for the late General Liu Hsiang, former Chairman of the Szechwan Provincial Government, who died after the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities in 1937, took place here yesterday.

More than 10,000 people participated in the funeral procession.—Central

## DEMOCRACY FOR CHINA

Chungking, To-day.

A Committee on Constitutional Government of nineteen members has been formed under the People's Political Council to assist the National Government in the realisation of constitutional government.—Central News.

## POLISH MINERS FLOOD SILESIA'S COLLIERIES

London, To-day.

**THE SECRET ANTI-NAZI radio station broadcast from somewhere inside Germany yesterday and said that prominent Roman Catholic leaders in Prague had been arrested by the Nazis.**

The radio stated that Polish miners in Eastern Silesia flooded the coal mines before they evacuated, and it will be at least a year before the Nazis can make use of Polish coal.

## OLD MAN HURT BY YOUNG RUFFIANS

A crowd of Chinese boys attacked and stoned a 70-year-old Chinese, Wan Si-yau, in Canton Road near Navy Street last night.

The man was later admitted suffering from injuries to his head to the Kowloon Hospital where his condition was said to be fair.

The radio broadcast a proclamation to Austrians saying that the bitter struggle against Hitlerism was on.

The Nazis had trodden to dust all that was sacred to Austrians, merely because they were Roman Catholics.

The broadcast concluded: "You will hear from us again despite the Gestapo."

"Down with Hitler! Long live free Democratic Germans!"—Reuter.

## CAR ACCIDENT

Mr. A.W. Googles, driving car No. 129 in Hennessy Road yesterday accidentally knocked down a 60-year-old Chinese, Chu Cheung, who was later admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital for treatment.

A Chinese school-girl, 13-year-old Tong Yuk-lan, had her wrist-watch, valued at \$20, snatched while walking yesterday in Hollywood Road. A 30-year-old spinster, Kan Yuet-ngo, also had a wrist-watch, valued at \$20 snatched in Wo Fong Street yesterday.

## BIRTH REGISTRATION COMPULSORY

NOW THAT SECTION 9 (2 AND 3) OF THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE, 1934, HAS BEEN AMENDED, THE GENERAL PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO ENSURE THAT ALL BIRTHS ARE REGISTERED WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS OF THE DATE OF BIRTH.

Failure to comply with this requirement renders parents liable to prosecution and a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Additionally, a charge as follows will be made for all registrations which take place after the expiration of fourteen days:—

After fourteen days and within one year—one dollar.

\* After the expiration of one year—ten dollars.

\* Note:—these will only be permitted by the Register-General in exceptional cases.

## HONAN'S NEW GOVERNMENT

Chungking, To-day.

The re-organisation of the Honan Provincial Government was decided upon at the regular meeting of the Executive Yuan yesterday.

General Wei Li-huang was appointed Chairman of the re-organised government, Mr. Fang Tse, Commissioner of Civil Affairs, Mr. Tsao Chung-chih, Commissioner of Finance, Mr. Chang Kwang-yu, Commissioner of Reconstruction, Mr. Lu Tang-ping, Commissioner of Education and Mr. Chiang Yen, Secretary-General.—Central News.

## EXCHEQUER RETURN

London, To-day.

Exchequer returns show a total ordinary revenue of £309,811,331 compared with £287,702,533 a year ago.

Total expenditure, less self-balancing items, is £513,861,260, compared with £438,080,721 at the corresponding date in 1938.—British Wire-less.

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## TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE.

## THE MYSTERIOUS BENDER FAMILY

BY VINCENT TOWNE

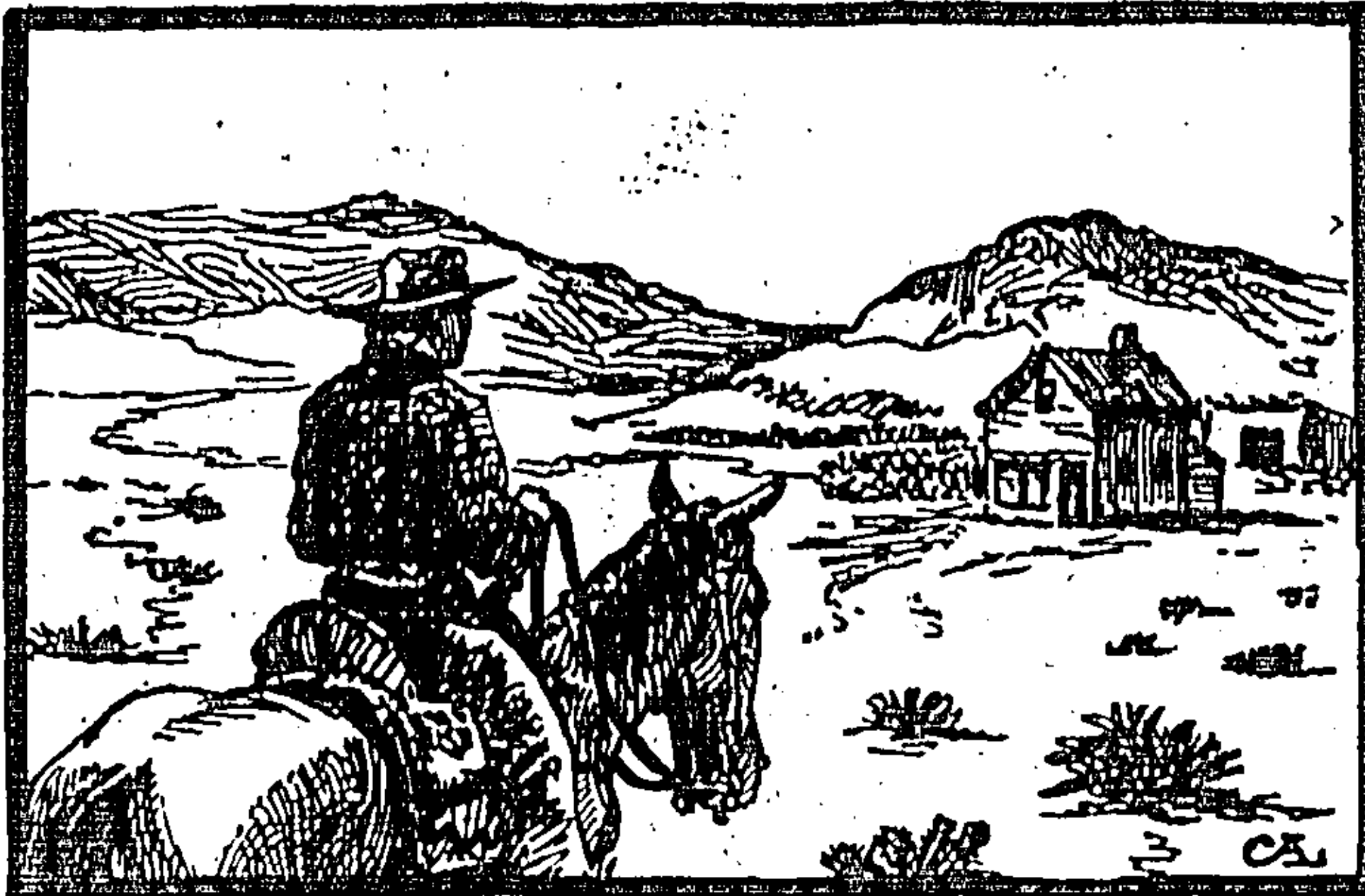
During the Autumn of 1873 and the following Winter and Spring, many persons mysteriously vanished between Osage Mission and Independence, Kansas. They disappeared as completely as if the earth had yawned and swallowed them up. Wide search was instituted, but no clue as to their fate could be obtained, and the news soon spread far and wide that a reign of terror was raging in that lonely part of the country.

One early morning that Autumn, John Boyd, a carpenter, bade his young bride goodbye and started to walk from Independence to Parsons, where he had obtained work. His heart-broken wife never saw or heard from him again. One Langnor, a widower, of Independence, started but soon afterward in his wagon to take his little girl to her grandmother near Fort Scott, and both he and the child disappeared, although the team was found tied in a grove 40 miles from home.

About the same time a man named MacKenzie was returning afoot from Independence to his home in Neosho County, when he as mysteriously vanished. Then there was a farmer named Brown, who started home from Neosho County the following Autumn, but who never got there. He had just collected a sum of money and had bought a new team, which also vanished. During that Winter, at different times and places, two naked bodies were found in Cherry Creek, which runs through the same neighbourhood.

These victims had been killed by a blow on the right temple, evidently inflicted by a hammer. They were never identified. Finally, in the Spring that followed, Dr. A. M. Yorke, a prominent citizen of Fort Scott, started out on a visit to his brother in Independence. Next morning he was met and recognised about eight miles beyond a certain farmhouse, where he had spent the night. That was the last known of him. The brother, Colonel Yorke, whom he was about to visit, happened to be a man of wealth. He set about to solve the mystery and started a house-to-house inspection of the entire community.

He offered liberal rewards for information bearing upon his brother's disappearance, but his search had about proved futile, when one morning two men and two women drove into Thayer, Neosho County, in a two-horse wagon. They unhitched the horses, tied them to the back of the wagon in which was some hay, and then going to the depot took the early train north, buying tickets for Humboldt. The horses remained until nearly starved, when a farmer took



He Happened on the Murder Farm

them to his barn. As no one appeared to claim them, he advertised them as strays.

About the same time, a man living in a little valley in the mystery-ridden area happened to ride up to the house of a family named Bender, where he found a dead calf lying with a halter about its neck. It had starved to death. Going to the house, he found it deserted and news of the flight of the Benders — the same persons who had deserted their team at Thayer — was immediately reported to Colonel Yorke, who forthwith began an investigation of the premises. In ten days he found the body of his brother, which, with eight other corpses, lay buried in deep, narrow graves which had been systematically dug on the Bender farm.

The top soil had been removed and kept separate from the underlying clay and there had been care to return the bottom layer before adding the top. Colonel Yorke found these graves by patiently probing the earth with a rod. He knew that if the clay had not been disturbed the rod would stop upon reaching it. So wherever this probe would penetrate deep into the earth, he dug with the results mentioned. Practically all of the victims had been killed in the same manner as had those found in the nearby creek. In the right temple was a hole about an inch in diameter, where a hammer had evidently crushed through the skull, and the throat was cut two-thirds around into the neck bone.

Investigating the cellar, Colonel Yorke was almost sickened by a stench caused by vast quantities of blood. But the most sensational discovery was made in the rooms above. Here the arrangement of the furniture and other appointments revealed the modus operandi of the murderers to have been as follows:

As each victim lured to the Bender house in some way had entered the front room, he had been invited to sit upon a certain bench. While sitting upon this, his head naturally rested against a canvas partition, through which the slayer crushed his head with a hammer found in the back room. After sinking to the floor, the body would be pulled back until the head came over a trapdoor leading to the cellar. Here, as revealed by bloodstains, the throat would be cut. Then the body was rolled up in an old tent cloth and carried outside for disposal.

The corpse of the little Lagnor girl was discovered among the others.

Meanwhile the Benders had fled—no one knew whither. They had come to the neighbourhood only about a year before and had taken up 160 acres in the lonely valley. Indeed, they had so located their house that every highroad in the neighbourhood radiated to their place. The house was a little shack about 14 by 24 feet, and the front room was fitted up as a small store, which is believed to have been only a decoy for wayfarers.

The family consisted of William Bender, 60 years old; his wife, aged 55; their daughter, Kate, 25, and a son, John, 23. Kate who had steel gray eyes and a wealth of yellow hair, posed as a magnetic healer, and her role was to flirt with passers-by, lure them into the house and see that they were seated beside her on the bench against the canvas partition, through which they were murdered. The family were all Germans. Indeed, the father could speak no English. He was morose and sullen. He paid no attention to travellers who entered his place.

What became of the Benders was never known. Many persons believed to have been members of the murder family were arrested in various parts of the country, but always succeeded in proving an alibi. About the beginning of the century a woman alleged to have been Kate Bender was taken from Michigan to Kansas, locked up in jail for four months, tried and acquitted, whereupon she sued the county for false imprisonment. In the Spring of 1910, it was announced that the proprietor of a resort in Reo Vista, Ca., had made an ante-mortem confession that she was no other than Kate Bender. But there have been so many conflicting stories of this kind that little credence would now be given to any identification lacking the seal of positive proof.

L.M.S. ALTER  
REGISTRY

LONDON, TO-DAY.  
ALL VESSELS OF THE LONDON  
MIDLAND AND SCOTTISH RAIL-  
WAY, PLYING BETWEEN BRITAIN  
AND EIRE, ARE TO SAIL UNDER  
THE RED ENSIGN.

This step has been taken to settle the dispute with the crews, who refused to sail under the Eire flag as their dependents would get no compensation in case of death or injury as the result of enemy action.—Reuter.

SCOT SENT TO  
HOUSE OF DETENTION

Angus MacLeod, 26, unemployed Scot, was committed to the House of Detention by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, when charged with being a vagrant in the Colony.

Detective Sergeant Loughlin prosecuted.

NEW SOUTH AFRICAN  
COMMISSIONER

London, To-day.  
Mr. C. T. de Water, who resigned his post as South African High Commissioner in London, is remaining in England for several weeks to settle his private affairs before leaving for South Africa.

Mr. S. F. Waterson, the new Union High Commissioner, assumed his post yesterday.—Reuter.

NO HOME LEAGUE  
SOCCER ON SATURDAY

London, To-day.  
There will be no competitive football on Saturday. Clubs are waiting for a clarifying statement from the Football Association.

The biggest problem is restricting attendances.

Over 30 friendlies have been arranged for Saturday.—Reuter.

European soldiers are alleged to have thrown stones and smashed windows of the ground floor of No. 10, Jordan Road at 6 a.m. last Saturday morning.

104,000  
ENROL IN H.K.  
SCHOOLS

The maximum enrolment in all classes of schools in the Colony reached a record figure of 104,134 pupils, an increase of 17,141 over the previous year, states the annual report for 1938 of the Director of Education.

This increase is attributed to the unsettled conditions in China caused by the Sino-Japanese conflict.

Of this total number, 34,341 were girls.

Some 6,794 girls received secondary education in 15 schools maintained and aided by the Government.

Ninety girls from local schools entered for the Matriculation Examination but only 49 passed. Of the 176 girls from 10 schools who took the Hong Kong School Certificate Examination 150 passed; 14 with honours.

The number of private schools registration at the end of last year was 1,060, an increase of 50 over the previous year.

Pupils enrolled in these private schools numbered 82,030, compared

## THIEF SENTENCED

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed on Ng Pui Sang 22, unemployed, by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, for stealing \$300 in Chinese currency from a Chinese in Des Voeux Road Central yesterday.

Defendant was recommended for banishment.

WEEV  
Kitty

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Concerto

## To-day's Wireless

Light Music  
And  
Variety

12.15 p.m.—A Short Service of Intercession.  
12.30 p.m.—Jessie Matthews (Vocal) and Henry King and His Orchestra.  
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.  
1.03 p.m.—Compositions of Liszt.  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.45 p.m.—Dance Music and Variety.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
6 p.m.—Beethoven—Concerto No. 3 in C Minor, Op. 37. Artur Schnabel (Piano) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

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6.37 p.m.—Haydn—Quartet in E Major, Op. 54, No. 3. Pro Arte Quartet.  
6.55 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.  
6.57 p.m.—Anatole Kitain at the Piano. Scherzo No. 1 in E Minor (Chopin—Op. 20); Brahms' Waltzes, Op. 39; Etude, Op. 2, No. 1; Prelude, Op. 11, No. 2 (Scriabin).  
7.18 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Concert with Webster Booth (Tenor) and Elsie Suddaby (Soprano).  
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.  
"The Gondollers"  
We're Called Gondollers... Derek Oldham, George Baker & Chorus.

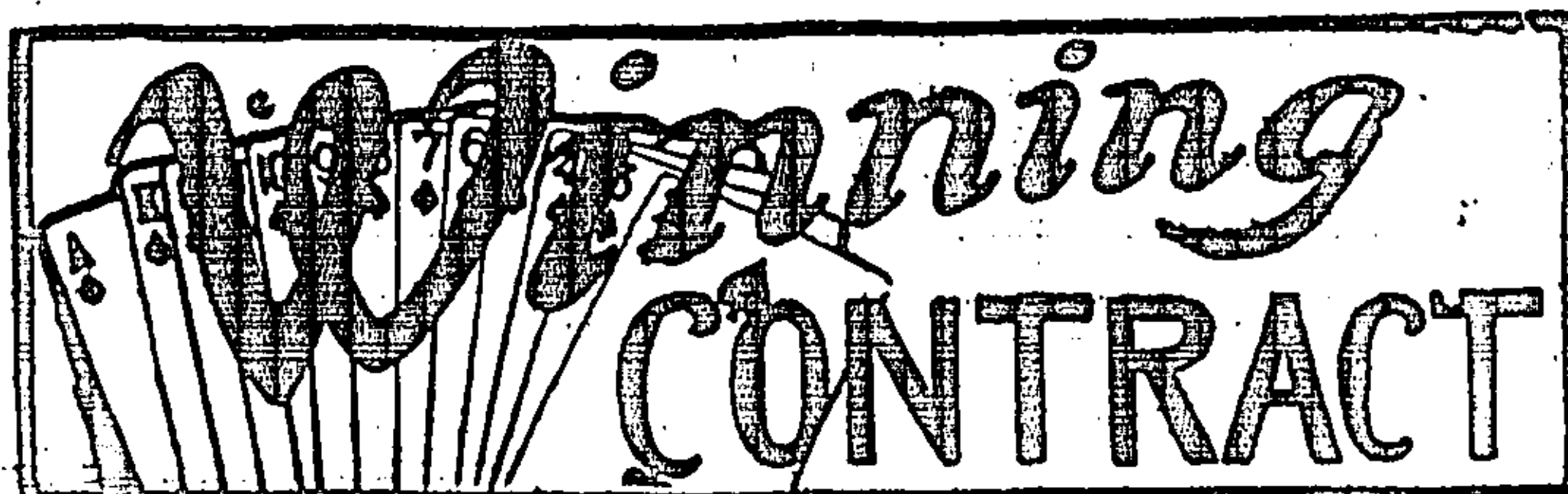
Are You Peeping?... S. Gordon, B. Elburn, D. Oldham, G. Baker, W. Lawson, A. Davies & Chorus.  
From The Sunny Spanish Shore; In Enterprise Of Martial Kind... Henry A. Lytton; Bertha Lewis, Mavis Bennett and Arthur Hosking.  
O Rapture When Alone Together; There Was A Time... Mavis Bennett & Arthur Hosking.  
Here We Are, At The Risk Of Our Lives... W. Lawson, A. Davies, S. Gordon, B. Elburn, G. Baker, D. Oldham & Chorus.  
Dance A Cachucha... Chorus.  
There Lived A King... Leo Sheffield.  
In A Contemplative Fashion... Derek Oldham, George Baker, Winifred Lawson, Aileen Davies.  
I Am A Courtier Crave And Serious... H. A. Lytton, B. Lewis, M. Bennett, D. Oldham and G. Baker.  
Here Is A Case... D. Oldham, G. Baker, M. Bennett, W. Lawson, A. Davies and Chorus.

8.32 p.m.—Light Orchestral Music.  
Russian Potpourri introducing "The Nightingale" (Michailowsky); Caucasica (Iwanoff)... Russian Balalalka Orchestra.  
Kiss Serenade (de Micheli); Kisses In The Dark—Serenade (de Micheli)... Frederic Hippmann and His Orchestra.  
8.45 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"The English Character". A Talk by the Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P.  
11 p.m.—Close down.

9.02 p.m.—Ballads.  
When I Bring to You Colour'd Toys (from "Gitanjali")... Rose Bampton (Contralto) with Piano.  
On The Road to Mandalay (Speaks)... Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Piano.  
9.10 p.m.—Studio—Comments on Recent Events.  
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
9.30 p.m.—Violin Solos by Yehudi Menuhin.  
"Tzar's Bride"—Song of the Bride (Rimsky-Korsakov); Campanella, Op. 7 Bis (Paganini); Songs My Mother Taught Me (Dvorak); La Fille Aux Cheveux De Lin (Debussy).  
9.45 p.m.—Scene from "The Importance of Being Earnest" (Oscar Wilde) with Edith Evans as Lady Bracknell and John Gielgud as John Worthing.

9.52 p.m.—The Four Crotchets, The Andrews Sisters and Judy Garland in a Variety Programme.  
Vocal—Swing, Mister Charlie (Roginson & Others); Stompin' At The Savoy (Goodman & Others)... Judy Garland (Vocal) with Orchestra.  
Vocal—Yogi-Bogi (Holmes & Reed); Sweet Sue, Just You (Harris & Young)... The Four Crotchets with Guitar.  
Vocal—Begin The Beguine (from "Jubilee"); Long Time No See (Altman, Cavanaugh)... The Andrews Sisters with Bob Crosby's Bob Cats.  
Vocal—I Heard (Don Redman); St. Louis Blues (Handy)... The Four Crotchets with Guitar.

10.17 p.m.—Dance Music.  
Fox-Trots—Goodbye to Summer; Sixty Seconds Got Together... Carroll Gibbons & the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.  
Fox-Trot—A Mug of Ale; Quickstep—Four String Joe... Joe Venuti's Blue Four.  
Tangos—A Farewell Letter; A Love Letter... Heinz Huppertz & His Orchestra.  
Fox-Trots—Out Of Nowhere; Lullaby In Rhythm... Harry James & His Orchestra.  
Fox-Trot—Sibonoy; Rumba Fox-Trot—Adios... Madriguera & His Orchestra.  
Fox-Trots—Georgianna; Night Time In Cairo... The Six Swingers.  
Tango Fox-Trot—By An Old Pagoda; Quickstep—You're An Education... Joe Loss & His Band.  
11 p.m.—Close down.



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## UNNECESSARY FALSE-CARDING

South, Dealer  
Neither side-vulnerable

♠ 7 6 5  
♥ 4  
♦ 9 7 6 3  
♣ K Q J 9 8  
♠ 10 4 3  
♥ K Q 8 2  
♦ A J 5 4  
♣ 6 4  
♠ K Q  
♥ A 8 6 5  
♦ K Q 10 2  
♣ A 10 3

## The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♥    | Pass | 2♠    | Pass |
| 2NT   | Pass | 3♠    | Pass |
| 3NT   | Dbl. | Pass  | Pass |
| Pass  |      |       |      |

To-day's hand represent a successful, but in our opinion entirely unnecessary, false-card play by Declarer.

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ACE KING QUEEN JACK  
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West's double was based on the fact that he had obtained the impression that North did not like any part of the hand. He opened the four of diamonds. A low card was played from dummy and East played the eight. In our opinion at this point the simple play was for Declarer to win with the ten and lead the King right back. Now, unless West had the inspiration to shift immediately to a heart, Declarer would make his contract.

However, Declarer decided that if he adopted that line of play, West would think of the heart shift. Hence, he false-carded by winning with the Queen of diamonds instead of the ten. He now laid down the King of spades. East won with the Ace and returned the Jack of hearts. Declarer played the Ace and now ran off five club

tricks, letting go a small diamond as the last discard from his own hand. West's last six cards were now the King-Queen-deuce of hearts, the Ace-Jack of diamonds and the ten of spades, and when South let go of a small diamond, he was certain that the King was now singleton. Hence he threw away his deuce of hearts. Now Declarer cashed the Queen of spades, threw West in with a heart and made the last trick with his King of diamonds.

Yesterday, as Merwin Maier's partner, you held:

♠ —  
♥ A 3  
♦ A K Q J 7 6 5  
♣ K 5 4

## The bidding:

| Maier | Burnstone | You | Schenken |
|-------|-----------|-----|----------|
| 1♠    | Pass      | (?) |          |

ANSWER: Your correct bid is three diamonds. Since your own suit is solid, there is no need to have any of your partner's suit for this jump bid. Score 100% for three diamonds, 40% for two diamonds, 0 for any other bid.

## Question No. 210

The opponents are vulnerable and have part score of 40. You are Howard Schenken's partner, not vulnerable, and hold:

♠ 6  
♥ J 8 4  
♦ K Q J 7 6  
♣ K 5 4

## The bidding:

| Maier | Burnstone | You | Schenken |
|-------|-----------|-----|----------|
| 1♠    | Pass      | (?) |          |

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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# WEST INDIES TOUR IN RETROSPECT

LONDON, AUGUST 31.—I did not anticipate having to write retrospective comment on the West Indies team and their tour for publication on the eve of "Saint Partridge." However, there it is; the birds have flown, so I am left with no option, writes our Home correspondent. They were an always interesting covey, and they played the game without quibble or cavil, making our reputed best play all they knew how.

But for the mysterious inability of Martindale to get wickets, although apparently performing all the movements a good fast bowler should, in all three Tests, and the failure of Constantine's bowling at Lord's, I really believe they would have won a Test. There was a period during the first Test when English stock was wobbling. A brace of quick wickets then by Constantine and there might have come a fatal slump. But it just wasn't his day, and that superb onslaught by Hutton and Compton on the second afternoon simply crushed the West Indies out of it.

## MARTINDALE'S FAILURE

For Martindale's astounding bag of only forty-six wickets for 34.5 runs each on the whole tour I can offer no explanation at all. That his pace was slower than when he was here on the last tour is certain. But pace is a very long way from being the Alpha and Omega of this part of the whole art of cricket. I never saw him lose direction or length, while his loose ones and long hops were as rare as in our county cricket they are frequent. His yorkers had, for him, a disappointing habit of just missing the off-stump and hitting the wicket-keeper, who, of course, doesn't count. No, Martindale 1939 has got me beat. I am generally able to find some kind of an excuse, for or against, for the uncertainties of our great game, but on this occasion Martindale's failure was just one of those cross-word puzzles full of Greek or Latin words, or, worse still, words spelled as nobody ever spells them.

## GRANT'S CAPTAINCY AND FIELDING

On the whole, Grant made a good captain. He came near to pulling off that which only M. A. Noble had achieved previously—viz., to put England in and win. But that scandal-

ously delayed start of half an hour on the third day at Manchester—when they began at 11.30 a small quantity of sawdust was only once requisitioned for the foothold at one end, and never to dry the ball with—plus unavoidable delays for rain, came to England's aid; not for the first time, and so W. I. have yet to lower our colours on our ground.

Grant made a lasting name for himself as a fielder in that extremely difficult area, between backward short-leg and mid-on, to field in. Take all the regular positions all round—this is the area where the ball comes most at all manner of paces and angles. Many a catch is dropped, which looks a "sitter" from the ring, because the fielder had judged it was a well-hit ball, whereas the ball had been either mistimed or had been struck from on or near the splice. On the other hand, some hits through this region, in this Long-Hop Age, are really hard ones, and no mistake about it. Grant began the tour by a hat-trick of catches in the first match at Worcester, and ended Hammond's innings with a grand catch, while laying flat at the Oval, in the last match. So it can be truly written of him that he maintained his form throughout.

## HEADLEY

I did not think Headley was so good a batsman this time as he was when England's bowling and captaincy were stronger on the previous West Indies tour. At all events, he did not "take" me to the extent he did others. It did not seem to be noticed how his most profitable scoring strokes were not "stopped," as they might have been, or how some of our bowlers gave those strokes quite their fair share of sustenance. But whether or not Headley's batting has deteriorated, his eyesight and footwork have not, and (Continued at foot of Next Col.)

# SPORTS PARADE

IN the course of the past week I have touched briefly on the prospects of most of the senior cricket clubs.

Only civilian club not dealt with is Civil Service Cricket Club. Any information on Royal Navy, as regards cricket or anything else, is out of the question but I hope to have some dope on the Army's attitude towards League cricket together with some of the talent they have available.

Civil Service, never particularly rich in players, are going to have a more difficult task than ever to field a decent first eleven.

R. H. Griffiths, a very stylish, if somewhat unsuccessful bat, is at present on leave and is not due back until December, while B. C. K. Hawkins, who has been known to make runs and take wickets when they were badly needed, is also in England.

These losses in themselves are serious enough but when one considers that F. Baker, easily the finest bowler in C. S. C. C. if not the Colony, has been mobilised with the H. K. N. V. F., and D. McLellan, one of their most useful all-rounders, is an officer in the H. K. V. D. C. and will be tied up with manning exercises on most weekends, it will be appreciated what an extremely difficult task those responsible for turning out Civil Service teams, are going to have.

From what I can see, the team will have to be carried by A. E. Parry, last year's skipper, J. E. Richardson, and wicket-keeper-batsman W. H. Colledge, while Norman Whitley, who made tremendous strides last season as a swing bowler, is also available and should be very useful.

Only newcomers I have been able to discover are V. C. Bond, the left-handed bowler who turned out for Club seconds last year, and a young schoolmaster who is reported to be equally adept at cricket and Rugby. As, I believe, the latter is only about 22 years of age, the chances are that he will follow the course of so many similarly placed who have gone before him, and play Rugby.

The Civil Service team for this year then, will probably be composed of the following players:—A. E. Parry, J. E. Richardson, W. H. Colledge, A. T. Lay, F. E. Lawrence, D. Hollidge, N. Whitley, V. C. Bond, and J. Barrow.

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TEAM chosen by Eastern Athletic Association to represent the Rest of the Colony against the Haiphong visitors on Sunday is, apart from being a representative one, fairly strong on paper.

It is interesting to note that two junior players have been given a chance, both having displayed good form for their respective teams.

Gardner, who plays for the Electric team, will be seen on the right wing and is a fast forward. He would be an asset to any senior team, while Flanders, of 30th Battery, R.A., (is the other junior player.

He represented the Army last sea-

he takes home with him the first place in the season's batting averages. Unless, of course, Hutton, and the proverbial hospitality of festival bowlers, do something phenomenal to get past his 72.70 for 30 innings, six not out.

From this team as a whole we should read and see a good deal more of R. S. Grant, V. Stollmeyer, J. E. D. Sealey, L. N. Constantine, and C. B. Clarke, with V. H. Stollmeyer, K. H. Weekes, and L. G. Hylton next—assuming always these have the time to play regularly. I cannot believe that Martindale's sun has set, although it has to be remembered that he will be 30 in November, and that members of his rate age earlier than we do. Constantine will be 37 on September 21, and is returning for more League cricket next season. Somehow I cannot imagine Constantine as having retired from the game. Such an accomplished player and cheerful body should be a permanent part of it.

# IMPACT COUNTS

## GRAPHIC GOLF



## By BEST BALL

The majority of golfers use the open face method of play. It seems the more natural method but this should not be interpreted as meaning that great skill cannot be gained by the closed face method. As a matter of record, it can; in fact two of the best golfers of a few years ago, and who are still playing good golf, used the closed method. They were Jess Sweetser and Leo Diegel.

When Sweetser was right, it was hard to find a golfer to equal him. His iron shots burned a straight path through the air to the pin consistently through eighteen or thirty-six holes. Even when seriously ill, as he was in 1925 when he won the British Amateur there was no stopping his deadly accuracy.

While the positions of the clubface at the top of the stroke vary in these instances of play, there is no variation when the ball is reached. It is here that uniformity occurs when results are good, for unless the clubhead is aligned at right angles to the ball as it travels along the line of flight, it is not likely to follow the straight and narrow path.

Friday—Putting Styles.

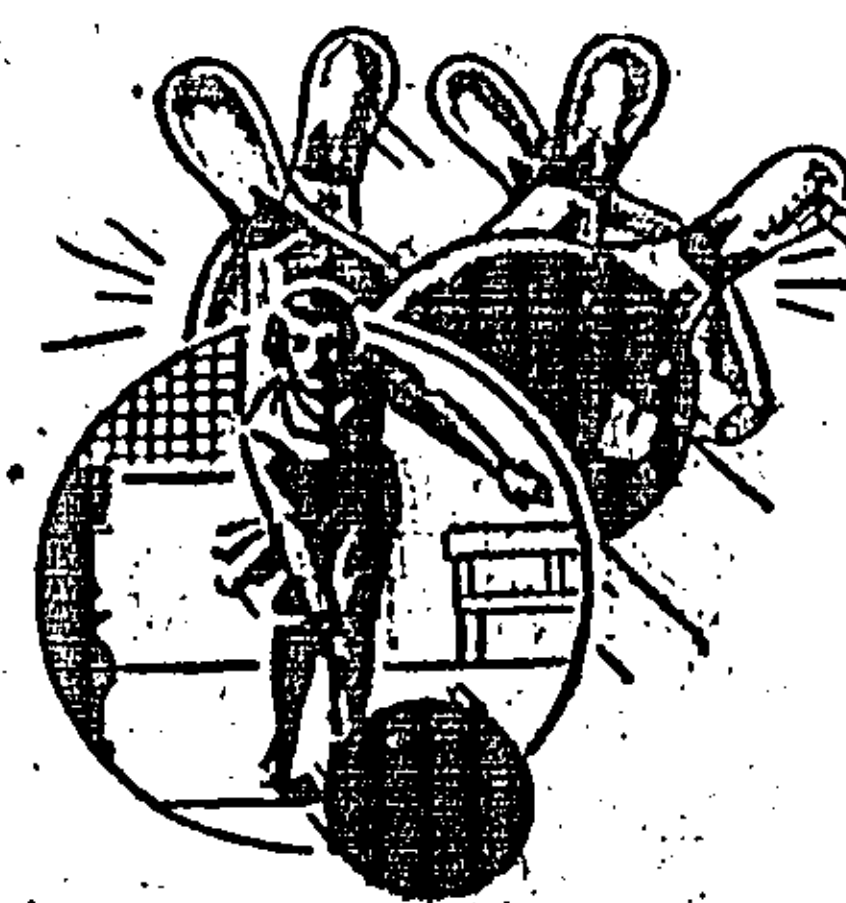
son when he was the outstanding forward of the Battery.

He will be seen on the left wing.

The three inside positions will be occupied by Interporters, with F. Fowler of the Club, leading the attack and A. V. Gosano and El Courtney as his inside left and inside right respectively.

Bright will occupy the pivotal position with E. Strange at left half.

Blackburn and Bone, who have played together for the Police, will be the backs, while Duncan of Royal Scots will be between the sticks.



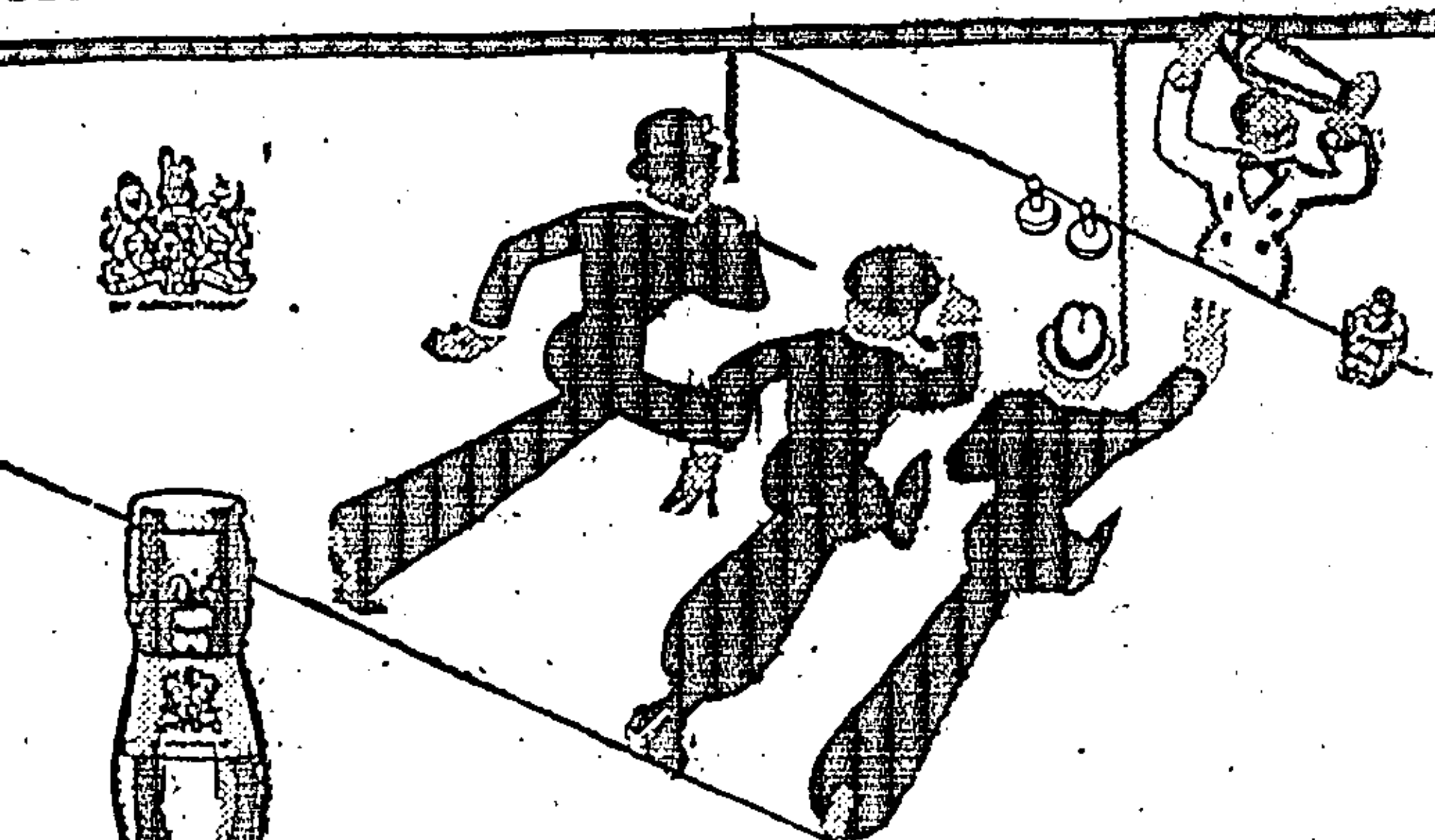
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# CLUB'S RUGBY PROSPECTS

## Will Be Without Grieve And Chadwick

### NEEDHAM WILL BE AVAILABLE: 11 NEWCOMERS (By "SCRUM HALF")

Club are looking forward to an enjoyable, if interrupted, Rugby season under the captaincy of A. F. "Podge" Walkden, a hard-working forward, who will have as his right hand man W. E. "Andy" Peers, another forward of repute and who has enjoyed all possible honours on the local Rugby field. Claude Austen is again Hon. Secretary, and a more conscientious person for this unenviable post could not be found.

Club will be without G. K. Chadwick, W. E. Grieve, two of their best attacking threequarters, M. W. McGrath, a very useful full-back, K. H. G. White, all of whom have been transferred elsewhere, C. J. Powell, E. M. Watts, J. Redman, W. Stoker and D. Hynes, who are on leave. To compensate for these misfortunes, however, C. F. Needham, one of the best forwards seen in Hong Kong, has completely recovered from his operation and will be available — he had bad luck last season when he missed the Interport matches against Malaya and Shanghai—while there are eleven newcomers whose form will be watched with interest during the three trial matches which open the season. They are J. H. McC. Thornhill, who played for Taunton School at forward, Blechynden, who secured a

place in Club's first fifteen pack some six years ago, K. Grant, who has played in Army Rugger at Home, D. H. Hamilton, who is reputed to have played for the West of Scotland, Lavalle, who has played in Argentina and Scotland, L. A. Benn, a forward, G. B. Godfrey, C. R. Bursey, Morrison, K. J. Atwell and J. Roscoe. With A. F. Walkden, W. E. Peers, H. D. Bidwell, D. H. Stewart, J. R. Henderson, F. Cessford, K. A. Watson, K. W. Salter, A. J. G. Taylor and W. B. Richardson to form the nucleus of the team, however, Club's prospects are indeed bright.

#### VISIT FROM MARINES?

Little is known of the Army prospects, but if the East Surreys return to the Colony they will at least bring Wallace, the English International forward, with them. Navy prospects are



of course very much in the air, though, I understand, they will field a team whenever possible.

It is hoped to send a team to Shanghai this season, but that remains to be seen. Of more immediate importance, however, is the fact that, just before the war broke out, U.S. Marines, Shanghai, accepted the local invitation, to send a team to Hong Kong, and there are high hopes of this visit materialising during the first half of the season.

The U.S. Marines would probably draw a bigger crowd than any side yet to have visited the Colony, including the Australian and New Zealand University fifteens.

The following are the Club fixtures, which will be adhered to as often as possible.

|            |                                           |           |
|------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Wed., Oct. | 4th—Trial (Club ground)                   | 5.15 p.m. |
| Wed., ..   | 11th—Trial (Club ground)                  | 5.15 p.m. |
| Wed., ..   | 18th—Trial (Club ground)                  | 5.15 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 21st—Club "A" v. an Army XV (Club ground) | 3.30 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 21st—Club v. Navy (Club ground)           | 4.45 p.m. |
| Wed., ..   | 25th—Club "A" v. Police (Club ground)     | 5.15 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 28th—Club "A" v. a Navy XV (Club ground)  | 5.15 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 28th—Club v. Army (Club ground)           | 4.30 p.m. |
| Wed., Nov. | 1st—Club "A" v. a Navy XV (Club ground)   | 5.00 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 4th—Club "A" v. Police (Army ground)      | 3.15 p.m. |

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| Sat., ..   | 4th—Club v. United Services (Army ground)                     | 4.30 p.m. |
| Wed., ..   | 8th—Club "A" v. an Army XV (Club ground)                      | 5.00 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 11th—Army "A" v. Navy "A" (Club ground)                       | 3.15 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 11th—Police and Club v. United Services (Club ground)         | 4.30 p.m. |
| Wed., ..   | 15th—Club "A" v. a Navy XV (Club ground)                      | 5.00 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 18th—Army "A" v. Navy "A" (Army ground)                       | 3.00 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 18th—Police and Navy v. Army and Club (Army ground)           | 4.15 p.m. |
| Wed., ..   | 22nd—Club "A" v. an Army XV (Club ground)                     | 5.00 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 25th—Club "A" v. a Navy XV (Club ground)                      | 3.00 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 25th—H.K.V.D.C. v. Army (Club ground)                         | 4.15 p.m. |
| Wed., ..   | 29th—Club "A" v. Police (Club ground)                         | 4.45 p.m. |
| Sat., Dec. | 2nd—Club "A" v. a Navy XV (Army ground)                       | 2.45 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 2nd—Club v. Army, T.T. (Army ground)                          | 4.00 p.m. |
| Wed., ..   | 6th—Club "A" v. an Army XV (Club ground)                      | 4.45 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 9th—Club "A" v. an Army XV (Navy ground)                      | 2.45 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 9th—Club v. Navy, T.T. (Navy ground)                          | 4.00 p.m. |
| Wed., ..   | 13th—Club "A" v. an Army XV (Club ground)                     | 4.45 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 16th—Club v. Police (Army ground)                             | 2.45 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 16th—Army v. Navy, T.T. (Army ground)                         | 4.00 p.m. |
| Wed., ..   | 20th—Club "A" v. a Navy XV (Club ground)                      | 4.45 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 23rd—Club "A" v. a Navy XV (Club ground)                      | 2.45 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 23rd—Club v. Army, T.T. (Club ground)                         | 4.00 p.m. |
| Wed., ..   | 27th—Club "A" v. Police (Club ground)                         | 4.45 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 30th—Club "A" v. an Army XV (Club ground)                     | 2.45 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 30th—Club v. Navy, T.T. (Club ground)                         | 4.00 p.m. |
| Wed., Jan. | 3rd—Club "A" v. a Navy XV (Club ground)                       | 4.45 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 6th—Club v. Police (Navy ground)                              | 2.45 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 6th—Army v. Navy, T.T. (Navy ground)                          | 4.00 p.m. |
| Mon., ..   | 8th—Preliminary Rounds — Sevens Tournament (Club ground)      | 4.30 p.m. |
| Wed., ..   | 10th—Preliminary Rounds — Sevens Tournament (Club ground)     | 4.30 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 13th—Final Rounds — Sevens Tournament (Club ground)           | 3.00 p.m. |
| Wed., ..   | 17th—Club "A" v. an Army XV (Club ground)                     | 4.45 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 20th—Police and Club "A" v. United Services "A" (Army ground) | 2.45 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 20th—Police and Club v. United Services (Army ground)         | 4.00 p.m. |
| Wed., ..   | 24th—Club "A" v. a Navy XV (Club ground)                      | 4.45 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 27th—Club "A" v. an Army XV (Club ground)                     | 2.45 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 27th—Club Interport XV v. The Rest (Club ground)              | 4.00 p.m. |
| Wed., ..   | 31st—Club "A" v. a Navy XV (Club ground)                      | 5.00 p.m. |
| Sat., Feb. | 3rd—Club "A" v. a Navy XV (Police ground)                     | 3.00 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 3rd—Police v. Army (Police ground)                            | 4.15 p.m. |
| Wed., ..   | 7th—Club "A" v. an Army XV (Club ground)                      | 5.00 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 10th—Club "A" v. an Army XV (Police ground)                   | 3.00 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 10th—Police v. Navy (Police ground)                           | 4.15 p.m. |
| Wed., ..   | 14th—Club "A" v. a Navy XV (Club ground)                      | 5.00 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 17th—First Rounds—International Tournament (Army ground)      | 3.00 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 17th—First Rounds—International Tournament (Army ground)      | 4.15 p.m. |
| Wed., ..   | 21st—Club "A" v. an Army XV (Club ground)                     | 5.00 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 24th—Final Rounds—International Tournament (Navy ground)      | 3.00 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 24th—Final Rounds—International Tournament (Navy ground)      | 4.15 p.m. |
| Wed., ..   | 28th—Club "A" v. a Navy XV (Club ground)                      | 5.00 p.m. |
| Sat., Mar. | 2nd—Army v. Navy (Club ground)                                | 3.00 p.m. |
| Sat., ..   | 2nd—Club v. Hong Kong Bank (Club ground)                      | 4.15 p.m. |
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**"REMEMBER THE PANAY"****REMARKABLE  
INTERVIEW GIVEN  
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Tokyo, To-day.

"Remember the Panay" is the prevailing toast among the younger officers of the United States Navy, according to Mr. Yakichiro Suma, former Counsellor to the Japanese Embassy in Washington.

Or so he informed the "Nichi Nichi Shumbun" shortly after his arrival in Yokohama from the United States.

**NORTHERN  
STATES  
REAFFIRM  
RIGHTS**

Copenhagen, To-day.

The four Northern States—Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland—yesterday reaffirmed their rights to maintain normal relations with all countries, including belligerents.

They denied that any Note had been received from Great Britain instructing them as to their conduct.

This disposes of Nazi allegations that Britain had sent Notes to the four States stating that unless cer-

He is reported to have added: "Feeling in the United States towards Japan is worse than is realised in Japan."

Asked why the United States abrogated the trade treaty with Japan, Mr. Suma expressed the opinion that the China Incident had put many missionaries out of employment.

These had instigated the women of the United States and had influenced public opinion.

Another important fact is that the feeling of the United States Navy towards Japan is unusually bad.

Nevertheless, Japan was a very good customer of the United States and, Mr. Suma thought, Japan had better propose very frankly the conclusion of a new commercial treaty, instead of speculating on the attitude of the United States.—Reuter.

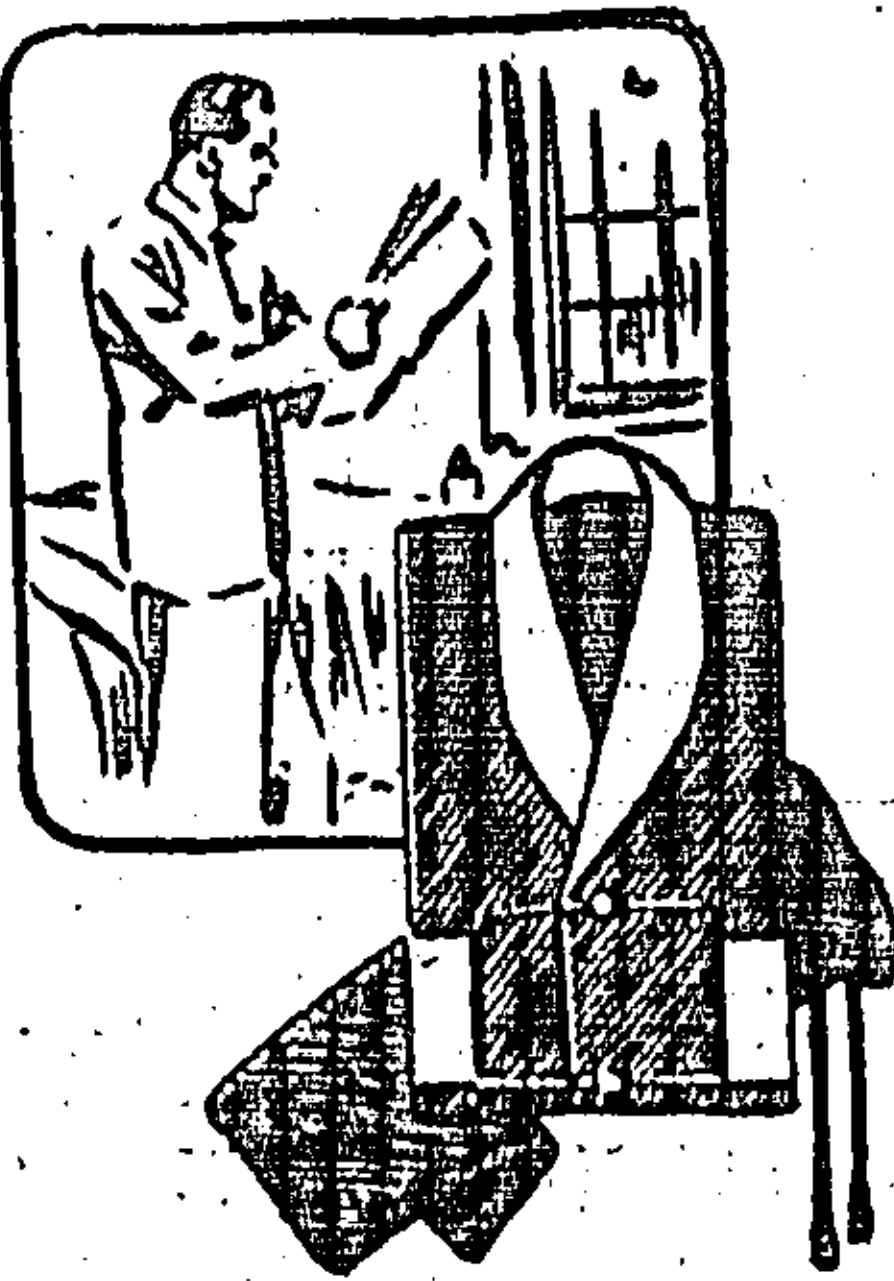
tain demands were met, it would be considered a violation of neutrality.—Reuter.

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**'SPY' HUNT  
AT KAI TAK**

EXCITEMENT AT THE KAI TAK AIRPORT LAST NIGHT WAS MENTIONED IN KOWLOON POLICE COURT THIS MORNING WHEN WONG KWONG, 27, WAS CHARGED WITH TRESPASSING ON THE AIRFIELD. HE WAS SENTENCED TO SIX WEEKS' HARD LABOUR.

Mr. A. J. Moss, Superintendent of the Aerodrome, stated that noises were heard from a nullah which runs through the airfield. It was suspected that some persons were engaged in espionage. Later, however, it was discovered that a party of Chinese were in the nullah about 800 yards inland. They were armed with torches and nets, presumably engaged in fishing.

Mr. Moss asked for a serious view to be taken owing to recent numerous thefts.

The rest of the party escaped.

Mrs. W. Ritchie, wife of Sub-Inspector Ritchie, was walking in Prince Edward Road at 7 p.m. yesterday when a Chinese snatched her gold wrist-watch, which is valued at \$150.

**JUNKMEN  
CHARGED**

The master of a fishing junk, Cheng Shing-fuk, 41, and ten folkis were charged with robbery, and remanded until Saturday by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning.

They are alleged to have robbed Ho Cheung of \$1,250 (Chinese currency) and Wong Wah-lam of 11 pigs.

Sub-Inspector R. Cunningham is in charge of the case.

**MEXICO OFFER TO  
BUY NAZI SHIPS**

Mexico, To-day.

The Mexican Government is reporting to be negotiating for the purchase of a number of foreign ships interned in Mexican waters.—Reuter.

**NO PROFITEERING  
IN ULSTER**

Belfast, To-day.

The Premier of Northern Ireland, Lord Craigavon, announced yesterday that legislation would be introduced shortly to prevent profiteering.—Reuter.

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An order was issued this afternoon in a "Government Gazette Extraordinary," varying the lighting control regulations, and suspending exemptions on Friday.

The effect is as follows: 1. Ships and vessels tied or moored to a jetty or wharf must not carry lights of any kind during the hours of darkness in an emergency or during an occasion of experiment or practice.

2. Navigation lights and riding lights on ships and vessels under way or when anchored or moored to a buoy and navigation lights on aircraft and lights on aerodromes may be lighted during an emergency and on an occasion of experiment or practice but these must be extinguished within 3 minutes of the sounding of an Air Raid Warning and must not be lighted during a Blackout.

The "North China Daily News" has increased its price from ten cents to twenty cents.

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